

Elvis Costello "Complicated Shadows"

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Well, you know your time has come
And you're sorry for what you've done
You should've never been playing with a gun
In those complicated shadows

Well, there's a line that you must tow
And it'll soon be time to go
But it's darker than you know
In those complicated shadows

All you gangsters and rude clowns
Who were shooting up the town
When you should have found
Someone to put the blame on

Though the fury's hot and hard
I still see that cold graveyard
There's a solitary stone
That's got your name on

You don't have to take it from me
But I know what I speak
You think you're like iron and steel
But iron and steel will bend and break
In those complicated shadows

Sometimes justice you will find
Is just dumb not colorblind
And your poor shattered mind
Can't take it all in

All those phantoms and those shades
Should jump up on Judgment Day
And say to the Almighty
"I'm still stinking of sin"

But the jury was dismissed
Took his neck and they give it a twist
So you see you won't be missed
In those complicated shadows

You can say just what you like

In a voice like a John Ford film
Take the law into your hands
You will soon get tired of killing
In those complicated shadows

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