

## Elvis Costello

# "I Can't Stand Up For Falling Down"

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The reason I'm so certain about these lyrics is that at a record show years ago, I bought a battered copy of Sam and Dave's

version. It's done in a stately gospel style that Elvis later adopted for concert performances of the

song. Here goes: (minor correctios by Paul Hosken (rmcb@vm.op.dlr.de))

I'm the living result

Of a man who's been hurt a little too much

And I've tasted

The bitterness of my own tears

Sadness is all my lonely heart can feel

I can't stand up etc.

Simple though love is,

still it confused me

Why I'm not loved the way I should be

Now I've lived with heartaches

and I've roomed with fear

I've dealt with despair

And I've wrestled with tears

I can't stand up etc.

The vow that we made,

you broke it in two

but that don't stop me

from loving you

I can't stand up etc.

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