

Elvis Costello

"I Can't Stand up"

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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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