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Elvis Costello "Nothing Clings Like Ivy"

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Nothing clings like Ivy Frightened by the dark Though she cuts deep It never leaves a mark

No one quite like Ivy Ever it gets it straight What she believes She won't negotiate

All the words of tenderness That never quite got through She said "You know how young girls are From my contempt for you"

Outside in the hollow She may dare herself For there may be A serpent in the grass

Nothing clings like Ivy Trying to scare herself And it may strike Or wait for her to pass

All the words of tenderness That she never possessed So what's the use of promises I had my fingers crossed

All the words of tenderness That never quite got through She said "I laughed behind your back When I told them to you"

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