

## Elvis Costello "Pills And Soap"

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They talked to the sister, the father and the mother  
With a microphone in one hand and a chequebook in  
the other

AND THE CAMERA NOSES IN TO THE TEARS ON HER  
FACE

The tears on her face

The tears on her face

You can put them back together with your paper and  
paste

But you can't put them back together

You can't put them back together

What would you say?

What would you do?

Children and animals two by two

Give me the needle

Give me the rope

We're going to melt them down for PILLS AND SOAP

Give me the needle

Give me the rope

We're going to melt them down for pills and soap

Four and twenty crowbars, jemmy your desire

Out of the frying pan into the fire

The king is in the counting house

Some folk have all the luck

And all we get are pictures of LORD AND LADY MUCK

They come from lovely people with a hard line in  
hypocrisy

THERE ARE ASHTRAYS OF EMOTION FOR THE FAG ENDS  
OF THE ARISTOCRACY

The sugar coated pill is getting bitterer still

YOU THINK YOUR COUNTRY NEEDS YOU BUT YOU

KNOW IT NEVER WILL

So pack up your troubles in a stolen handbag

DON'T DILLY DALLY BOYS RALLY ROUND THE FLAG

Give us your daily bread in individual slices

And something in the daily rag to cancel any crisis

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