

## Elvis Costello "Stations Of The Cross"

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Tempest blows up from a squall  
Past the Cape of Bad Conscience into the Gulf of the  
Cauldron  
Roars over the coastline to batter and flatten  
Exposing the roots like in the dyed hair of slattern

The scrapper and mauler in a rope ring this small  
Outside the wind is punchin', there's no one to hear it  
No one hears the bell ring except the one who comes to  
fear it  
And they continue to brawl

He's buyin' his way into heaven I suppose  
He weeps at the blows  
But down in a location that we cannot disclose  
He turns the dial slowly  
Through the Stations of the Cross

Crowd done up dandy in diamonds and finery  
Bayin' and howlin', all blood-lusty callin'  
Fists like pistons, faces like meat spoilin'  
Haul, boys, haul, bully-boys, haul

Later in the evenin', Molly and her gunman  
Go down the stairs to the dive like a dungeon  
Meanwhile in the backroom, there's a girl like a sponge  
Sayin', "Bring him along as a constable's truncheon"

The gunman wants Molly to kingdom come  
Then blows them all to the hereafter  
Who's scuttling away now and hidden from our view?  
Who tightened the tourniquet, turning her blue?

They're hurlin' themselves into heaven I suppose  
Before the gates are closed  
But down in a location that we cannot disclose  
They turn the dial slowly  
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The gale of hale laughter scales up the ivory  
Black keys of her fine whine descend into the minor  
Die away breathless diminishin' behind her

Haul, boys, haul, bully-boys, haul

The water came up to the eaves  
You'd think someone had opened a valve  
It's too soon to stay now and too late to leave  
So spare your remorse all the way up to Calvary

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