

## Elvis Costello "The World And His Wife"

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The family circle gathers 'round from very far and near  
To pass around the same remarks they passed away  
last year

The little girl you dangle on your knee without mishap  
Stirs somethin' in your memory and somethin' in your  
lap

But it's a living  
(It's a living)  
This is the life  
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For the world and his wife  
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The kissing cousins slip outside to cuddle and confess  
She says sweet nothing at all it's much more of a mess  
The conversation melts like chocolate down their open  
jaws  
As the juniper berry slips down just like last night's  
drawers

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To tell the truth our mum ran off with someone else's  
father  
Went for two weeks holiday in Taramasalata  
Daddy went out with the rubbish and he kept on walking  
Between mum and the walls, God only knows who does  
the talking

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But later on in the evening through the tears and fol de  
rol  
Come the sentimental feelings for the lure of vitriol  
Longing thoughts go hankering for the old home  
overseas  
With a blindfold and national anthem sung in different  
keys

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