

## Elvis Costello

# "There's A Story In Your Voice"

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Once upon another time  
If you had the need  
I'd step right in the shoes  
That you've been walking

'Cos someone put the hurt in you  
For everyone to see  
And you only have to speak  
To tell your fortune

'Cos there's a story in your voice  
Both by damage and by choice  
It tells of promises and pleasure  
And another tale of wine and woe  
The uneasy time to come  
And the long way 'round we go to get there

Once you told me fairytales  
Everybody knows  
But I didn't care  
For their prediction

Now you say you're leaving me  
And packing up your clothes  
I finally see you were  
A work of fiction

There's a story in your walk  
Then you crumble just like chalk  
And I could say that I was sorry  
But I wouldn't mean it much  
There are pages I can't touch  
And something that's been torn out of this chapter

Far away, not far enough  
'Cause I can still recall  
How it felt when I read  
That last sentence

Now I go inside some rooms  
With Gideon in them all  
And hide myself

From all hope of repentance

There's a story in your eyes  
Cheap sunglasses might disguise  
But when the bedroom light reveals  
All that bravado and that fright  
That you cover up in spite  
Attempts to strip away this fabrication

There's a story in your voice  
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And a tale of wine and woe  
The uneasy time to come  
And the long way 'round we go to get there

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