

## Elvis Costello

# "We Oughta Be Ashamed"

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We oughta be ashamed  
We oughta be ashamed  
We use and abuse such a wonderful name

See the blooming of the flowers  
When the spring first appears  
Hear the crying of the baby  
In its first tender years

Watch the flight of the robin  
When he knows winter's through  
And the One who made that Robin  
Is somewhere watching you

So we oughta be ashamed  
We oughta be ashamed  
We use and abuse such a wonderful name  
Look at the beauty that's all around us

From California to Maine  
Then we think how we mistreat it  
Oh, we oughta be ashamed

Watch the people pass the beggar  
On the street as he cries  
"Pencils for a nickel"  
Still they pass him by

See the rich man with all his money  
Ah, but still he complains  
Smell the flowing of all the whiskey  
Lord, we oughta be ashamed

We oughta be ashamed  
We oughta be ashamed  
We use and abuse such a wonderful name  
And the beauty's all around us

From California to Maine  
Oh, we think how He's mistreated  
We oughta be ashamed  
And think how we mistreat Him

Lord, we oughta be ashamed

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