

## **Elvis Costello & The Imposters**

### **"Turpentine"**

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I can't tell if this is real or if I am sleeping  
I'll embroider the truth and that's so I shall reap  
I took things that didn't belong to me  
I didn't mean to do you wrong

Looking back on all that stolen time  
Back when I was drinking turpentine  
Don't blame me, I only took you in  
It takes time to do the poisoning  
So let's close the door on this and lock it

And that's all it will ever be  
Just an accident of chemistry

You did everything to me but stopped short of murder  
Couldn't move me much closer to keeping my word  
While the crowds threw stones at the hangman  
The sky fell down, the bells rang

Looking back on all that stolen time  
Back when I was drinking turpentine  
Don't blame me, I only took you in  
It takes time to do the poisoning  
So let's close the door on this and lock it

And that's all that it will ever be  
Just an accident of chemistry

Airless shaft of an underground railway  
Effete assassin with a hawk in a sack  
The earth will offer us in when our hearts fail  
As it swallows the river running under the track  
Under the track, yeah

I can't tell if I'm dreaming or if I'll awaken  
With a song in my heart that is longing to break  
Let it out and let it fly high  
Up where the spires scrape the sky

Looking back on all that stolen time  
Back when I was drinking turpentine  
Don't blame me, I only took you in

It takes time to do the poisoning  
So let's close the door on this and lock it

And that's all that it will ever be  
Just an accident of history, yeah

Airless shaft of an underground railway  
Cute assassin with a hawk in a sack  
The earth will offer us in when our hearts fail  
Swallowed the river running under the track  
That's right

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