

# Elvis Costello, Impatience

How long do I have to wait?  
Before I can tell you the things I've been wanting to say  
How long must I hesitate?

I know it makes sense but it's hard for me to stay away  
But if this is how it has to be  
Maybe it's just a feeling  
That I could name  
But I'd probably best blame...impatience

You can't miss - what you've never known  
It's quite absurd how you started disturbing me so  
Sometimes - when I am all alone  
I lose my senses  
I have no defences to go

But if this is how I lose my heart  
Then I shall just embrace that  
My pulse is racing still  
I'm secretly thrilled  
By the laughter that tumbled  
And the tears that I spilled  
As far as I know no one ever got killed  
By impatience

Tell me - is there danger still?  
I took no heed so a word might as well be deed  
Although - I'd really like to see you now  
I'm almost certain it can't be accomplished with speed

So, if this is how I'll bide my time  
Then I will set it down  
Til we lose our caution  
I'll honour your order  
'Cos it's such sweet torture  
To carry this torch  
In the light of temptation  
Beyond conversation and all expectation  
Pausing a moment or two just to mention...  
Impatience