

# Elvis Costello, When I Was Cruel

did you talk your way out of this, did someone flip your switch  
now there is only right or wrong, can you tell which is which  
but it was so much easier, when i was cruel

why did you leave your happy home, why did you travel far abroad  
so you could sleep with strangers  
you must have heard just how absurd  
the words poured out of you, you fraud  
I guess you don't know what pain is

so don't pretend you're innocent  
do i look like your fool  
i guess you have forgotten, when i was cruel

Oh, when i was cruel, and i could make you so unhappy  
lonely cowards followed me like ghouls  
and you liked me too...when i was cruel...oh you know you did

But if you should feel anything, a signal from within  
go back in your laboratory, and try to dial it in  
and if you should feel anything, a signal from without  
abandon your dreams of vengeance  
so don't pretest your innocents, the truth is hard to judge  
Perhaps you have forgotten when, i had a grudge

Oh but i was cruel and i would make you very sorry  
lonely cowards followed me like ghouls  
and you liked me too...when i was cruel...oh you know you did...