Elvis Costello, Your Mind Is On Vacation / Your F

(Mose Allison/Sonny Boy Williamson)

I see you laughin' Right in my face I guess I'm gonna have to Put you in your place

Because if silence was golden You couldn't raise a dime Because your mind is on vacation And your mouth is working overtime

You're quoting figures And dropping names You're tellin' stories About the dames You're over-laughin' When things ain't funny You're tryin' to sound Like you're the big money, honey

If talk was criminal You'd lead a life of crime Because your mind is on vacation And your mouth is working overtime

Life is short, talk is cheap Don't go makin' promises that you can't keep If you don't like this little song I'm singin' Just grin and bear it All I can say is if the rich shoe fits, wear it

If you must keep talkin', please try to make it rhyme Because your mind is on vacation And your mouth is working overtime

Well, I recall when we first met It was on a Friday night We spent two lovely hours together And the world seemed all right I'm beggin' you, baby, please stop that off-the-wall jive 'Cause if you don't treat me no better It's gonna be your funeral and my trial

Well, the Lord made the world and everything that's in it The way my baby loves me, it's a sign that it's it [?] She can love to heal the sick, she can love to raise the dead You might think that I'm jokin', you better believe what I said

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