Elvis Costello, Back On My Feet

(McCartney/MacManus)

How many days does the wet weather lack? I wanna go where the clouds when they roll back Reveal a man in an old mack Living on a park bench Sitting on his own

Cut to the rain as it rolls down the glass But then she leaves through the lightning and thunder You see a man going under This is how it happens This is what he said

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Temptation is sweet
Give me your hand
Till I'm back on my feet
You're always telling me
About my misery
I'll see things you'll never see
Don't pity me"

Focus in on the breath of a man Takes a brown paper bag from his knapsack Between his whispers and wisecracks He's looking for the wishing Screaming at the sky

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Cut back again to a girl walking by
To the beat of her old shoes and rolled socks
Climb on an invisible soapbox
Laughing at the traffic
Shouting at the word

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Seeing life through the eyes of a man

As he lives and he dies by a simple titan Well there you go, though you trying hard to know When he's there on his legs
Sees the kinks where the people all go
Things start to fade as he pulls down the shade And the picture made is in glorious cinemascope