

# Elvis Costello, Cheap Reward (Honky Tonk Demo)

Oh, well, I feel so loose tonight I might fall to pieces  
So be prepared to sweep me out the door  
And I might be horizontal by the time the music ceases  
So I think I'll get acquainted with the floor

Oh, I was trying to get away from the things that I always do  
Hello, floorboards once again --- how are you?

Lip Service -- well, that all you'll ever get from me  
Well, how could you believe I'll take you seriously?  
With your cheap rewards, your blackmail, and your comical rage  
Just remember you'll only be the boss so long as you pay my wage

All the sign posts on this road that point one way  
Don't act like you're above me, just look at your shoes  
I'll turn the light out now 'cause there's nothing more to say  
And it's all been lost before so there's nothing to lose

Oh, but you could say that you love me very painlessly  
I would've done the same for you, oh, but you said to me:

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