Elvis Costello, Shabby Doll

Giving you more of what for Always worked for me before Now I'm a shabby doll What's going on behind the green elevator door With just a shabby doll

[Chorus:]
There's a hit man facing
A compromising situation
With just a shabby doll
And a very neat line in character assassination
She's just a shabby doll

She's just a shabby doll She's putting him off and putting you on She's just the shabby doll You're swearing upon you know in your heart She's gone you know in your heart She's just a shabby doll

There's a girl in this dress
There's always a girl in distress
She's just a shabby doll
She's so sure she's self-possessed
Then again she's half undressed
She's just a shabby doll

The boy that I used to be Showed no sign of sympathy For just a shabby doll I have betrayed you and me And paid for my own bribery With just a shabby doll

[Chorus]

He's the tired toy that everyone enjoyed He wants to be a fancy man but he's nothing but a nancy boy He's all pride and no joy

And being what you might call a whore Always worked for me before Now I'm a shabby doll Untie the gag the cat's out of the bag But won't show his claws He's just a shabby doll

She said you must be joking Some things are left unspoken You're just a shabby doll He's lying limp and soaking He was openly broken By just a shabby doll

[Chorus]