Elvis Costello, Someone Took The Words Away

Poor head
Can hardly move my lips for speaking
I said
So, what is this thing I cannot explain?
I'd blame all the things I feel but can't quite place
Perhaps they're written on my face
Someone took the words away

Why don't you speak up and say what you mean? Summon my powers of conversation I talk to myself, I'm fine When you're around, Then I decline the invitation

It's strange to finally find myself so tongue-tied A change has come over me I'm powerless to express Every thing I know but cannot speak And if I try my voice will break Someone took the words away Someone took the words away