Elvis Costello, Song With Rose

Between last breaths and first regrets
Days dragged on like cigarettes
In distance martyrs and martinets
Dally, dancing with the empty silhouettes of threats

So, where but heaven does love end And where on earth does it begin It's not the kind of love that is pinned Like a medal Or presses pennies in a tin

There is hope, and after that, there is only faith Love like a wraith Never made me afraid Consoled as I was by that shade

Here lie the roses in the ashes Deep as the barnacles that cling Just like a lace that runs through everyone and everything

In that other still forever In that time before the past I told myself we'd be together Can you promise me that it will be eternally?

There is hope and after that, there is only faith And love like a wraith Never made me afraid Consoled as I was Consoled as I was Consoled as I was by that shade