

# Elvis Costello, The Other End

Shall we agree that just this once  
I'm gonna change my life  
Until it's just as tiny or important as you like?

And in time we won't even recall that we spoke  
Words that turned out to be as big as smoke  
As smoke that disappears in the air  
There's always something that's smoldering somewhere

I know it don't make a difference to you  
But oh! it sure made a difference to me  
You'll see me off in the distance, I hope  
At the other end  
At the other end of the telescope.

The promise of indulgence in my confidential voice  
Approached immortal danger but you'll never know how close  
Then down the hall I overheard such a heavenly choir  
They interrupted my evil designs  
One day you are up in the clouds  
The next thing you're down with the sweet adelines

(chorus)

Lie down baby now don't say a word  
There there baby your vision is blurred  
Your head is so sore from all of that thinking  
I don't want to hurt you now  
But I think you're shrinking

You're half-naked ambition and you're half out of your wits  
Or several tiny fractions that this portrait still omits  
And it's so hard to pick the receiver up when I call  
I never noticed you could be so small  
The answer was under your nose but the question never arose

I know it don't make a difference to you  
But oh! it sure made a difference to me  
'cause late in the evening as I sit here moping  
With a bamboo needle on a shellac of chopin  
And the cast-iron heart that you failed to tear open  
At the other end  
At the other end of the telescope