

# Elvis Costello, Turpentine

I cant tell if this is real or if I am sleeping  
Ill embroider the truth  
And thats so I shall reap  
I took things that didnt belong to me  
I didnt mean to do you wrong

Looking back on all that stolen time  
Back when I was drinking turpentine  
Dont blame me  
I only took you in  
It takes time to do the poisoning  
So lets close the door on this and lock it

And that's all that it will ever be  
Just an accident of chemistry

You did everything to me but stopped short of murder  
Couldnt move me much closer to keeping my word  
While the crowd threw stones at the hangman  
The sky fell down  
The bells rang

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And that's all that it will ever be  
Just an accident of history

Airless shaft of an underground railway  
Effete assassin with a hawk in a sack  
The earth will offer us in when our hearts fail  
As it swallowed the river running under the track

I cant tell if Im dreaming or if Ill awaken  
With a song in my heart that is longing to break  
Let it out and let it fly high  
Up where the spires scrape the sky

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Back when I was drinking turpentine  
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Airless shaft of an underground railway  
Cute assassin with a hawk in a sack  
The earth will offer us in when our hearts fail  
Swallowed the river running under the track  
That's right