

God Give Me Strength
Elvis Costello

Intro: Gm9 D (4x)

Em **G** **D**
Now I have nothing, so God give me strength

C#m7 **C#m** **F#m7**

Cause I m weak in her [his] wake

C#m **F#m** **F#7**

And if I m strong I might still break

Em **A** **G**

And I don t have anything to share

Em **E** **A**

That I won t throw away into the air

G **A**
That song is sung out

G **A**
This bell is rung out

Em **F#m** **A**
[He] She was the light that I d bless

Em **F#m** **A**
[He] She took my last chance at happiness

Gm7 **Bm** **Gm9** **Em** **D** **G** **Em** **A**
So God give me strength, God give me strength

(second verse same as first)

I can t hold onto [him] her, God give me strength

When the phone doesn t ring

And I m lost in imagining

Everything that kind of love is worth

As I tumble back down to the earth

That song is sung out

This bell is rung out

[He] She was the light that I d bless

[He] She took my last chance at happiness

So God give me strength,

Gm9 **Em** **D** **G** **Em**
God if [he d] she d grant me [his] her indulgence and decline
(E, F#, G#) **Asus4** **A** **Asus2**

I might as well wipe [him] her from my memory
(E, F#, G#) **Asus4** **A** **Asus2**

Fracture the spell as [he] she becomes my enemy

Em **E** **A**

Maybe I was washed out like a lip-print on his shirt

Bm **E** **A**

See, I m only human, I want him to hurt

Asus4 **A** **A7**

I want him, I want him to hurt

[instrumental - repeat structure of first verse, these last two lines are
picked up as you reach the end of the verse)]

Since I lost the power to pretend
That there could ever be a happy ending

That song is sung out
This bell is rung out
[He] She was the light that I d bless
[He] She took my last chance at happiness
So God give me strength, God give me strength

Gm **D**

Wipe her from my life...
I might as well...
God give me strength...
God give me strength...
I might as well