

Good Year For The Roses
Elvis Costello

A
I can hardly bare the sight of lipstick
D **A**
On the cigarettes there in the ashtray
Lying cold the way you left them
D **A**
But at least your lips carressed them while you packed
D
And a lip print on a half-filled cup of coffee
A
That you poured and didn t drink
E7
But at least you thought you wanted it
A
That s so much more than I can say for me

D
What a good year for the roses
E7 **A**
Many blooms still linger there
Bm7
The lawn could stand another mowing
E7 **A**
Funny, I don t even care
D
As you turned to walk away
E7 **D** **A**
As the door behind you closes
Bm7
The only thing I know to say
E7 **A** **D, A/C#** **E7, A, D/A, A**
It s been a good year for the roses

A
After three full years of marriage
D **A**
It s the first time that you haven t made the bed
I guess the reason we re not talking
D **A**
There s so little left to say, we haven t said
D
While a million thoughts go running through my mind
A
I find I haven t said a word

E7

From the bedroom the familiar sound

A

Of our one baby's crying goes un-heard

D

What a good year for the roses

E7 **A**

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Bm7

The lawn could stand another mowing

E7 **A**

Funny, I don't even care

D

As you turned to walk away

E7 **D** **A**

As the door behind you closes

Bm7

The only thing I know to say

E7 **A** **D** **A/C#** **E7, A**

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