

Joe Porterhouse
Elvis Costello

Bm **E**
The children sat upon the stairs
A **D** **A** **D**
High above a valley of tears
Bm **E** **A** **D**
Don t let them see you crying that way oh no

Bm **E**
Oh no Joe Porterhouse
A **D**
Is not gone forever
A **D**
He ll be back another day
Bm **E** **A**
Don t let them see you crying that way

Chorus:

D **D/G D/F# D/G D**
Please don t wake him let him sleep
D **D/G D/F# D/G D**
It s a moment she can keep
D **D/G D/F# D/G D** **Am**
Like an old bus tick - et or a photograph
D **D/G D/F# D/G**
Resting on the man - tle - piece
D **D/G D/F# D/G D**
While for the wicked there is no peace
D
She says it s not his time to go
Am **Am Bm C**
Why we were nearly lovers years ago
Am Bm C A
Now what is left for me
D **Em Fm D G G F# Em**
Among the broken branches of the family tree

A D

Heart like an anchor
Arms like cable
He stood all alone on an iron turntable
Don t let them see you crying that way oh no
The sun beats down
It s cracking the flags
Boys who should know better
Are stamping out fags
Don t let them see you laughing that way

Chorus

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Is not gone forever
He ll be back another day
Don t let them see you crying that way

A B Am(/C) (repeat and fade)