

Little Palaces
Elvis Costello

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Introduction: Em D G (3 1 4)
 C D G (3 1 4)
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 D G D Em (2 1 1 strum)

Em D G C D G C D
G

In Chocolate Town all the trains are painted brown, and the silver paper of the wrapper.

 Em D G C D G
There s a dapper little man, and he wears a wax mustache

 C D G C D G
That he twists with nicotine fingers as he drops his cigarette ash.

 D G
And someone comes and sweeps it up, and then he doffs his cap

 D G
And there s a rat in someone s bedroom, and they re shutting someone s trap.

 Em D
And they ll soon be pulling down the little palaces.

 Em D G C D G
And the doors swing back and forward, from the past into the present

 C D G C D G
And the bedside crucifixion turns from wood to phosphorescent.

 D G
And they re moving problem families from the South up to the North,

D G
Mother s crying over some soft soap opera divorce,

 C F D
And you say you didn t do it, but you know you did of course,

 Em D
And they ll soon be pulling down the little palaces.

 Em D G C D G
It s like shouting in a matchbox, filled with plasterboard and hope,

 C D G C D G
Like a picture of Prince William in the arms of John the Pope.

