

Olivers Army
Elvis Costello

A D E
Don t start me talking, I could talk all night.

A D C#7
My mind goes sleepwalking while I m putting the world to right.

F#m B F#m B E
A
Called careers information. Have you got yourself an occupation?

(Oliver s)
D E A D E
Army is here to stay. Oliver s Army are on their way.

A A/G# F#m A/E D D/C# E A D D/C#
E6 E7
And I would rather be anywhere else but here today.

A D E
There was a checkpoint Charlie, he didn t crack a smile.

A D C#m
But it s no laughing party when you ve been on the murder mile.

F#m B F#m B
E
Only takes one itchy trigger, one more widow one less white nigger.

(D E6 E)

G#m F# E D#
Hong Kong is up for grabs; London is full of Arabs.

C# F# E F#
We could be in Palestine, overrun by the Chinese line

E F#
with the boys from the Mersey and the Thames and the Tyne.

B E F# B
But there s no danger. It s a professional career,

E D#7
G#m
though it could be arranged with just a word in Mr. Churchill s ear.

C# G#m
If you re out of luck you re out of work

C# F# B E F#
We could send you to Johannesburg

B E F# B E
F#
Oliver s Army is here to stay Oliver s Army are on their way.

B B/A# G#m B/F# E E/D# F# B
and I would rather be anywhere else than here today (3 times)

B E E/D# F#
Oh oh oh oh____ Oh oh oh_____