

Olivers Army
Elvis Costello

G C D
Don t start me talking, I could talk all night.

G C B7
My mind goes sleepwalking while I m putting the world to right.

Em A Em A D
G
Called careers information. Have you got yourself an occupation?

(Oliver s)
C D G C D
Army is here to stay. Oliver s Army are on their way.

G G/G# Em G/E C C/C# D G C C/C# D6
D7
And I would rather be anywhere else but here today.

G C D
There was a checkpoint Charlie, he didn t crack a smile.

G C Bm
But it s no laughing party when you ve been on the murder mile.

Em A Em A
D
Only takes one itchy trigger, one more widow one less white nigger.

(C D6 D)

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

B E D E
We could be in Palestine, overrun by the Chinese line

D E
with the boys from the Mersey and the Thames and the Tyne.

A D E A
But there s no danger. It s a professional career,

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

B F#m
If you re out of luck you re out of work

B E A D E
We could send you to Johannesburg

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

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

A D D/D# E
Oh oh oh oh____ Oh oh oh_____