

Olivers Army
Elvis Costello

B E F#
 Don t start me talking, I could talk all night.
 B E Eb7
 My mind goes sleepwalking while I m putting the world to right.
 G#m C# G#m C#
 F# B
 Called careers information. Have you got yourself an occupation?

(Oliver s)

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

B B/G# G#m B/E E E/C# F# B E E/C#
 F#6 F#7
 And I would rather be anywhere else but here today.
 B E F#
 There was a checkpoint Charlie, he didn t crack a smile.
 B E Ebm
 But it s no laughing party when you ve been on the murder mile.
 G#m C# G#m C#
 F#
 Only takes one itchy trigger, one more widow one less white nigger.

(E F#6 F#)

Bbm G# F# F
 Hong Kong is up for grabs; London is full of Arabs.
 Eb G# F# G#
 We could be in Palestine, overrun by the Chinese line
 F# G#
 with the boys from the Mersey and the Thames and the Tyne.
 C# F# G# C#
 But there s no danger. It s a professional career,
 F# F7

Bbm
 though it could be arranged with just a word in Mr. Churchill s ear.
 Eb Bbm

If you re out of luck you re out of work
 Eb G# C# F# G#
 We could send you to Johannesburg
 C# F# G# C# F#

Oliver s Army is here to stay Oliver s Army are on their way.
 C# C#/A# Bbm C#/F# F# F#/D# G# C#
 and I would rather be anywhere else than here today (3 times)
 C# F# F#/D# G#
 Oh oh oh oh_____ Oh oh oh_____