

**Poisoned Rose**  
**Elvis Costello**

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The Poisoned Rose  
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(N.C.)           **Eb**     **Ab**  
The poisoned rose  
                  **Eb**     **Ab**  
That you gave to me  
                  **Eb**     **C**  
It left me half alive  
      **F**            **Bb** **B9** **Bb** **Eb**  
And half in ecstasy  
                                  **Eb7**  
But if half of your love  
**Ab7**                **Adim7**  
Is all I can win  
**Eb**                **C7**  
Give me just a fraction  
      **F7**        **Bb**           **Eb** **Ab7**   **Eb**  
But no more medicine  
  
      **Bb** **Bb+**   **Eb**        **Ab**  
The poisoned rose  
                  **Eb**     **Ab**  
On a Valentine card  
                  **Eb**                    **C**  
That you take straight to the heart  
      **F**                    **Bb** **B9** **Bb** **Eb**  
That you call my junkyard  
                                  **Eb7**  
But if all I can do  
**Ab7**                **F7**  
is save pieces of you  
                  **Eb**  
The piece of your mind  
                  **Eb7**     **Ab7**  
The piece of your heart  
                  **Adim7**  
Didn t tear me apart  
                                  **F7**  
Like the poisoned rose  
      **Gm7**                **Bb7**   **Ab**  
I received     from you

Db9+11

I don t know

**Eb**

How we came to grow

**Bb**

**Eb**

**F7**

Into this very sad affair

Everytime we do the decent thing

**B9**

**Bb9**

Somebody spikes the drink

And a single becomes a pair

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**Eb**

**Bb7**

The poisoned rose

**Eb7**

**Ab7**

That you wear at your best

**Eb**

**C7**

That I keep pressed between the white sheets

**F7**

**Bb**

**B9**

**Bb**

**Eb**

Where you lie half undressed

I threw away my shirt and shoes

**Eb7**

**Ab7**

You looked and I dived in

**F7**

It s just you and me now

**Eb**

Cause I threw away the gin

I threw away your alibis

**Eb7**

**Ab7**

And all your worn-out clothes

I threw myself upon the floor

**Adim7**

But I couldn t throw away

**Eb**

**Ab**

This poisoned rose

**Eb**

**Ab**

This poisoned rose

(N.C.)

**Eb**

This poisoned rose