

Pretty Words
Elvis Costello

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Words & Music by: Elvis Costello
>From the album: TRUST

Note: This song was recorded in the key of F major,
but I transposed it to Gmajor. I am just more used
to the chords in G. For the original key of F version
please refer to the songbook.
Also, I am not the world s finest transposer, so let
me know what what mistakes you find! thanks, m.

G
I ask you nicely
D Em F C
Get my face slapped under wraps
G
What s going on precisely
D Em
Is there something wrong perhaps?
C D7 G
Surprise, surprise (surprise, surprise)
D C D7 G D Em D
It s more like a booby trap than a booby prize
G D Em F C
Civil disobedience from a soldier with a dirty rifle
G D Em
You re loosening all the screws that hold the hinges of my life
C D7 G
Fat cats and army brats
C D7 G D Em F C
Hep cats in dog tag pawing over girly mags

CHORUS:

G **F** **Bm C#m D E6**

Pretty words don t mean much anymore

G **Bb** **Em F#m**

I don t mean to be mean much anymore

G **C**

All I see are snapshots, bigshots, tender spots

(1) mug shots, machine slots

(2) machine slots, mug shots

Till you don t know what s what

Em F C

You don t know what you got

G **D** **Em F C**

Curious women running after curious men

G

Curiosity didn t kill the cat

D **Em**

It was a poisoned pen

C **D7 G** **D**

But there s not much choice (it s Hobson s choice)

C **D7 G** **D** **Em D**

Between a cruel mouth and a jealous voice

G

Got back to London

D **Em**

Picked a paper from the man

G

No words of consolation

D **Em**

Just cartoons and titter tatter

C **D7 G**

Well well, fancy that

C **D7 G** **C**

Millions murdered for a kiss me quick hat

G

No backbone, blood and guts

D **Em** **F**

Better keep your big mouth shut

(Chorus)

F **C** **G**

You don t know what you got

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