

Riot act

Elvis Costello

A Dm A Dm A

Forever

Dm C F

Doesn't mean forever anymore

A Dm A

I said forever

Dm C F

But it doesn't look like I'm gonna be around much anymore

D G

When the heat gets so tropical

Bm Em

And the talk gets so topical

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D D/C Bm7

Riot act - you can read me the riot act

Bbmaj7 Em7

You can make me a matter of fact

A

Or a villain in a million

Em7 A

A slip of the tongue is gonna keep me civilian ]

C#m C Bm

Why do you talk such stupid nonsense

Bb A

When my mind could rest much easier

C#m C Bm

Instead of all this dumb dumb insolence

Bb A

I would be happier with amnesia

A Dm A

They say forget her

Dm C F

Now it looks like you're either gonna be before me or against me

A Dm A

I got your letter

Dm C F

Now they say I don't care for the color that it paints me

D G

Trying to be so bad is bad enough

Bm Em

Don't make me laugh by talking tough

D G

Don't put your heart out on your sleeve

Em

When your remarks are off the cuff

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