

Riot act

Elvis Costello

G Cm G Cm G

Forever

Cm Bb Eb

Doesn't mean forever anymore

G Cm G

I said forever

Cm Bb Eb

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

C F

When the heat gets so tropical

Am Dm

And the talk gets so topical

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C C/C Am7

Riot act - you can read me the riot act

G#maj7 Dm7

You can make me a matter of fact

G

Or a villain in a million

Dm7 G

A slip of the tongue is gonna keep me civilian ]

Bm Bb Am

Why do you talk such stupid nonsense

G# G

When my mind could rest much easier

Bm Bb Am

Instead of all this dumb dumb insolence

G# G

I would be happier with amnesia

G Cm G

They say forget her

Cm Bb Eb

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

G Cm G

I got your letter

Cm Bb Eb

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

C F

Trying to be so bad is bad enough

Am Dm

Don't make me laugh by talking tough

C F

Don't put your heart out on your sleeve

Dm

When your remarks are off the cuff

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