

Spooky Girlfriend
Elvis Costello

Many of the chords are implicit.

Gm D7 x2

Gm **D7**
I want a girl to make a mess
Gm **Bb**
To do no wrong she must confess
Gm **D7**
And then perhaps hitch up her dress
Eb **Bb** **F**
 Cos when the flashbulbs explode
Eb **Bb** **F**
She s such a sensitive soul...

Gm D7 x2

Gm **D7**
I want a girl who is helpless and frail
Gm **Bb**
Who won t pull on my ponytail
Gm **D7**
I want a girl who has no past
Gm
She s made up now
 Bb
But that won t last
Eb **Bb** **F**
 Cos when she sits on my knee
Eb **Bb** **F**
And then she whispers to me

Gm
 Can t you see
I could be
 D7
I could be
 Gm **D7**
Your spooky girlfriend
 Gm
 I could be
 D7
I could be
 Gm **D7**
Your spooky girlfriend

Gm D7 x2

The broken toys are all scattered in the attic
And the newspapers play with the words of the fanatic
And the greeting cards are your most poetic lyric
And the flat champagne is the sweet sugar syrup

Gm D7

I want to paint you with glitter and with dirt
Picture you with innocence and hurt
The shutter closes
Exposes the shot
she says, Are you looking up my skirt?
When you say No
She says Why not?

I want a girl to turn my screw
To wind my watch, to buckle my shoe
And if she won't her mother will do
Cause when she does as she's told
We'll all turn platinum and gold

But when she sits on my knee
I hear her whispers to me
Can't you see?

I could be your spooky girlfriend (repeat with **Gm D7** and vocal harmonies)