

Strict Time

Elvis Costello

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Strict Time
Words & Music by: Elvis Costello
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INTRO:
G C G C G C G C

G
There s a hand on a wire that leads to my mouth
I can hear you knocking but I m not coming out
C
Don t want to be a puppet or a ventriloquist
G
Cause there s no ventilation on a critical list
D **C**
Fingers creeping up my spine are not mine to resist
G
Strict time

CHORUS:
D
Toughen up, toughen up
C
Keep your lip buttoned up
G
Strict time

G
Oh the muscles flex and the fingers curl
And a cold sweat breaks out on the sweater girl

Strict time

C

Oh he s all hands, don t touch that dial
The courting cold wars weekend witch trial

G

Strict time

D

C

All the boys are straight laced and the girls are frigid

G

The talk is two-faced and the rules are rigid cause it s strict time
Strict time

(chorus)

G

You talk in hushed tones, I talk in lush tones
Try to look Italian through the musical Valium
Strict time

C

Thinking of grand larceny

D

Smoking the everlasting cigarette of chastity
Cute assistants staying alive

C

G

More like a hand job than the hand jive
Strict time

Chorus

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