

The Loved Ones
Elvis Costello

[Intro]

A C#m A C#m

[Verse 1]

A C#m

Don't get smart or sarcastic

A C#m

He snaps back just like elastic

A C#m

Spare us the theatrics and the verbal gymnastics

A C#m

We break wise guys just like matchsticks

[Chorus]

F#m C#m

What would the loved ones say (Your pride and joy is all blown up)

F#m A

What would the loved ones say (The bride and boy are barely grown up)

[Verse 2]

D E

You're not my particular poison

A F#

I've got nothing against you myself

Bm E

You could have been a danger to the boys and girls

F#m

Now you're a danger to yourself

[Chorus]

E D E A

Oh, what would the loved ones say, what would the loved ones say?

F#m C#m F#m A

Oh, what would the loved ones say, what would the loved ones say?

[Verse 3]

Bm E

The ugly little scenes run round your head

Am D G D

The ugly little dreams you get a needle and no thread

Bm E

They stiched you up this time

Am Fm

They say you ll do

C Am F C

They bitch about your pretty face turning ugly on you.

[Verse 4]

A **C#m**
The butcher the baker and the bassline maker
A **C#m**
Sayin you can leave her, I can take her
A **C#m**
You spend your whole life like a minute or two later
A **C#m**
One day its going to end sooner than greater

[Chorus]

F#m **C#m**
What would the loved ones say (He`ll be remembered young and pretty}
F#m **A**
What would the loved ones say (Now he`s a hit in every city)

[Verse 5]

D **E**
Now there`s a name we ll never forget
A **F#**
There`s one born every minute or two
Bm **E**
Don t pin a medal on me yet
F#m
They might be waiting for you

[Chorus]

E **D** **E** **A**
Oh, what would the loved ones say, what would the loved ones say?
F#m **C#m** **F#m** **A**
Oh, what would the loved ones say, what would the loved ones say?

[Outro]

E **D** **E** **D**
PPS I l-o-v-e y-o-u
E **D** **E** **D**
PPS I l-o-v-e y-o-u
E **D** **E** **D**
PPS I l-o-v-e y-o-u
E **D** **E** **D**
PPS I l-o-v-e y-o-u