

The Other End
Elvis Costello

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>From the wonderful Elvis disk All This Useless Beauty. A previous version of this song can be found on the Til Tuesday album Everything s Different Now. Elvis co-wrote this one with Aimee Mann but changed the lyrics and (in my opinion) made the song better for this version. This song is (c) 1996 Warner Bros Records. I m sure Elvis has some publishing rights as does Aimee Mann...

The Other End of the Telescope

(Costello/Mann)

Bb F C F Dm C
Verse Shall we agree that just this once I m gonna change my life
1: Bb F C F Dm Eb
Until it s just as tiny or important as you like
Bb F C Bb
And in time we won t even recall that we spoke
F C Bb
Words that turned out to be as big as smoke
C F
As smoke disappears in the air
Bb C F
There s always something smoldering somewhere

C Bb F
Chorus: I know it don t make a difference to you
C Bb F
But oh it sure made a difference to me
C Dm F
You ll see me off in the distance I hope
Dm
At the other end
Bb C Bb
At the other end of the telescope

(Bb) F C F Dm C
 Verse The promise of indulgence in my confidential voice
 2: Bb F C F Dm Eb
 Approached immortal danger but you ll never know how close
 Bb F C Bb
 Then down the hall I overheard such a heavenly choir
 F C Bb
 They interrupted my evil desires
 C F
 One day you re up in the clouds
 Bb C F
 The next thing you re down with the Sweet Adelines

(chorus)

C Bb F
 Bridge: Lie down baby now don t say a word
 C Bb F
 There there baby your vision is blurred
 Dm C Bb F
 Your head is so sore from all of that thinking
 Dm
 I don t want to hurt you now
 C
 But I think you re shrinking

Bb F C F Dm C
 Verse You re half naked ambition and you re half out of your wits
 3: Bb F C F Dm Eb
 Or several tiny fractions that this portrait still omits
 Bb F C Bb
 Now it s so hard to pick the receiver up when I call
 F C Bb
 I never noticed you could be so small
 C F
 The answer was under your nose
 Bb C F
 But the question never arose

C Bb F
 Chorus: I know it don t make a difference to you
 C Bb F
 But oh it sure made a difference to me
 C Dm F
 You ll see me off in the distance I hope
 C Dm F
 With a bamboo needle on a shellac of Chopin
 C Dm F
 And the cast iron heart that you failed to tear open
 Dm
 At the other end
 Bb C Bb
 At the other end of the telescope