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Elvis Costello

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Cm7              Eb/F
These rooms play tricks upon you
Dsus4   D/C                                Gm9/Bb
Remember when they were always filled with laughter?
Cm7             Eb/F
But now they re quite deserted
Dsus4       D/C                         Gm9/Bb
They seem to just echo voices raised in anger

                Ebmaj7
Maybe you will see my face
          Cm9   Fsus   F
Reflected there on the pane
F      E      Ebmaj7
In the window of our poor
                   Cm9
Forlorn and broken home
Eb/F       F        Bbmaj7/D
Still this house is empty now
                      Eb/F
There s nothing I can do
   F        Bbmaj7/D   D7
To make you want    to stay
(B9)
So tell me how
                        Gm9/Bb
Am I supposed to live without you?


These walls were lined with pictures
Remember the glass we charged in celebration?
But now I fill my life up
With all that I can to deaden this sensation

Do you recognize the face
Fixed in that fine silver frame
Were you really so unhappy then?
You never said

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Cm9 **Eb/F** **Bbmaj7/D**
Oh, if I could just become forgetful
D7 **Gm7**
When night seems endless
Gm7/F Em7b5
Does the extinguished candle care
G/A
About the darkness?

It s funny how my mem ry
Will bring you so close then make you disappear

Meanwhile all our friends must choose
Who they will favour, who they will lose
Hang the garland high or close the door
And throw away the key

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