

Tramp The Dirt Down
Elvis Costello

G D/F# Em C G
I saw a newspaper picture from the political campaign
Em Bm/D A/C# C G
A woman was kissing a child, who was obviously in pain
Em Bm/D A/C# C G
She spills w/ compassion, as that young child's face in her hands she grips
Em Bm/D A/C# C G C
Can you imagine all that greed and avarice coming down on that child's lips
G D/F# Em D
Well I hope you don't die too soon
C G
I pray the Lord my soul to save
Em Bm/D A/C# C G
Oh I'll be a good boy, I'll try so hard to behave
Em Bm/D A/C# C G
Because there's one thing I know, I'd like to live long enough to savor
C Bm Am G Am G
That's when they finally put you in the ground
C Bm Am G Am G D
I'll stand on your grave and tramp the dirt down
D Em D/F# G(?) D
When England was the whore of the world Margaret was her madam
Em D/F# Em(?) G
And the future looked as bright and as clear as the black tarmac
G C
Well I hope that she sleeps well at night, isn't haunted by every tiny detail
Am E/G# G D/F# Em D
Cos when she held that lovely face in her hands all she thought was betrayal

And now the cynical ones say that it all ends
the same in the long run
Try telling that to the desperate father who just
squeezed the life from his only son
And how it's only voices in your head and
dreams you never dreamt
Try telling him the subtle difference between
justice and contempt
Try telling me she isn't angry with this pitiful
discontent
When they flaunt it in your face as you line up
for punishment
And then expect you to say Thank you
straighten up, look proud and pleased
Because you've only got the symptoms, you
haven't got the whole disease
Just like a schoolboy, whose head's like a tin-can
filled up with dreams then poured down

the drain

Try telling that to the boys on both sides, being
blown to bits or beaten and maimed
Who takes all the glory and none of the shame

Well I hope you live long now, I pray the Lord
your soul to keep
I think I ll be going before we fold our arms
and start to weep
I never thought for a moment that human life
could be so cheap
Cos when they finally put you in the ground
They ll stand there laughing and tramp the
dirt down

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Don t feel as though you have to play all the chords, I change it up every time
and just play what feels right, hope you all enjoy :)