

Voice In The Dark  
Elvis Costello

VOICE IN THE DARK

**C Am7**  
Ba ba ba ba ba ba ba  
**Dm7 G7**  
ba ba ba ba  
**C Am7**  
ba ba ba ba  
**Dm7 G7**  
Ba ba ba ba ba

**C Am7**  
Ba ba ba ba ba ba ba  
**Dm7 G7 | Am6 | Am6 Gaug |**  
ba ba ba

**C A7**  
You can read right through a book of matches  
**Dm7 G7**  
But that wonâ€™t make you smart  
**C C7**  
You can laugh in the face of watches  
**F Fm**  
But time will only break your heart

**F Fm**  
Kings reign beneath umbrellas  
**C A7**  
Hide pennies down in cellars  
**Dm A7**  
And money pours down and yet  
**Dm7 G7**  
No everyone gets soaking wet

**C F**  
When bores and bullies conspire  
**E7 A7**  
To stamp out your spark  
**D7**  
Listen forâ€¦  
**G7 C**  
A Voice In The Dark

**C Am7 Dm7 G7**  
Not a moment too soon as we blue the moon

**C** **Am7** **Dm7** **G7**  
 And a wolf begins to howl in tune  
**C** **Am7** **Dm7** **G7**  
 I announced for all mankind a boon  
**C** **C7**  
 Stand aside you big baboon  
**F**  
 Now Iâ€™m the a prize invention  
**Fm**  
 Youâ€™re the image of yourself  
**C**  
 Forget your cares  
**A7**  
 And disapproving stares  
**D7**  
 Iâ€™m not here to try to jump your borders  
**G7**  
 Just ask your nieces and daughters  
**C** **Am7** **Dm7** **G7**  
 Iâ€™m flat as sole, Iâ€™m happy as a clam  
**C** **Am7** **Dm7** **G7** [ **C** **A/C#** **D7** **G7** ]  
 But they donâ€™t know the kind of man I am (alt for this line only)  
**C** **Am7** **Dm7** **G7**  
 Little fish swimming in a jealous shoal  
**C** **C7**  
 Now my net is overflowing  
**F** **Fm**  
 And I suddenly seem to be all seeing and all knowing  
**C**  
 Iâ€™ve got something right there  
**A7**  
 That you might want to hear  
**D7**  
 But have no fear  
 Lend a hand  
 Lend an ear  
**G7**  
 If your rent-money is in arrears  
  
**C** **A7**  
 Weâ€™ll be striking up a symphony bandstand  
**Dm7** **G7**  
 Long of hair and loose of tooth  
**C** **C7**  
 Thereâ€™ll be pirouettes and startling handstands  
**F** **Fm**  
 And who but acrobats know how to tell the truth  
**F** **Fm**  
 When is said that then redundant  
**C** **A7**  
 They gallivant in peg-leg pants  
**Dm7**

Iâ€™ll be your servant

**A7**

Youâ€™ll be my pal

**Dm7**

**G7**

Iâ€™ll be ever faithful you know I shall

**C**

**F**

Thereâ€™s no fool like an old fool

**E7**

**A7**

Who blames it all upon his youth

**Dm7**

**G7**

When times are tough and you find youâ€™re down

**Em7**

**A7**

Without a star to wish upon

**D7**

**G7**

**C**

Just listen for a Voice In The Dark

**C**

**A7**

I was striking through a box of matches

**Dm7**

**G7**

Hoping that one would spark

**C**

**C7**

I heard somebody calling to me

**F**

A voice in the dark

**F**

**Fm**

A sound both wild and gentle

**Em7**

**A7**

Daring and confidential

**Dm7**

**A7**

I thought there was music playing

**Dm7**

**G7**

But it was all and only talk

**C**

**F**

**E7**

**A7**

When liars and bullies conspire to stamp out your spark

**D7**

**G**

Fill up that empty space in your heart

**Em7**

**A7**

Listen up, when the herald says, â€œHarkâ€•

**D7**

**G7**

**C**

Believe in just a voice in the darkâ€¦