

When I Was Cruel
Elvis Costello

E **B**
You talk your way out of this

E
Did someone flip your switch?

E **B**
Now there is only right or wrong

E
Can you tell which is which?

A G# F# E C#m
But it was so much easier

F#m B
When I was cruel

C#m
Why did you leave, you had a home

G#m A
Why did you travel far abroad -

B Bsus4 B
So you could sleep with strangers?

C#m
You must have heard just how absurd

G#m A
The words poured out of you, you fraud

B Bsus4 B
I guess you don't know what pain is

A G# F# E
So don't pretend you're innocent

A G# F# C#m E Eb C# E Eb C# E Eb C#
Do I look like a fool?

A G# F# E
I guess you have forgotten

F#m B
When I was cruel

A G# E B
Oh when I was cruel and I could make you so unhappy

A G# E B Bsus4 B
Lonely cowards followed me like ghouls

F#m G#m A
And you liked me too

[tacet]

When I was cruel

E B A

Oh, you know you did

E B A

E **B**
But if you should feel anything,

E
A signal from within

E **B**
Go back in your laboratory

E
And try to dial it in

E **B**
But if you should feel anything,

E
A signal from without

C#m **B Bsus4 B**
Abandon your dreams of vengeance

A G# F# E
So don't protest your innocence

A G# F# C#m E Eb C# E Eb C# E Eb C#
The truth is hard to judge

A G# F# E
Perhaps you have forgotten when

F#m B
I held a grudge

A G# E B
Oh when I was cruel and I could make you very sorry

A G# E B Bsus4 B
Lonely cowards followed me like ghouls

F#m G#m A
And you liked me too

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Oh, you know you did

E B A E B A

When I was cruel

E B A E