

When It Signs
Elvis Costello

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This song will likely sound better on guitar in drop D tuning.

D A/C# D/C Bm Bb A

G F#m Em G F#m Em

D A/C# D/C
All the words you say to me have music in them

Bm Bb A
All the sorrows and the joys, like magnetism

G F#m Em
And a selfish boy looks through a prism

C Bm Bb A D
And says what is but never asks what isn't

Bm G
But a voice contains many precious things

C#m F#m
It laughs and then it sings

F(/D) F7 Gm(/D)
And all the lies that we can tell

Bb Bbsus4 A+ A6 A-5
e | |-----| |
B | |-6-----6--7-----| |
G | |----8-----8--| |
D | |-----| |
A | |-----| |
D | |-8*-----7*-----| | *let ring

To our foolish selves

D A/C# D/C
Maybe this is the love song that I refused to

Bm Bb A
Write her when I loved her like I used to

G F#m Em
And I fear my heart may spin and fracture

C Bm Bb A D
Like tears of stone falling from a statue

Bm G
But a voice contains all that's true and false

C#m F#m
Then cries for someone else

F(/D) F7 Gm(/D)

And for some honest tenderness

Bb Bsus4 A+ A6 A-5

So I must confess

D A/C# D/C

All the words you say to me have music in them

Bm Bb A

All the sorrows and the joys, like magnetism

G F#m Em

And a selfish boy looks through a prism

C Bm Bb A D

And says what is but never asks what isn't