

When It Sings  
Elvis Costello

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  
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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