The People Who Grinned Themselves To Death
The Housemartins

Am BbThe smiled so much and waved their flags Am
C As she salutedto the military band Am BbMost of the
people failed to see Am CShe had a broken bottle in the other
hand FAnd she took them by surprise DmWhen she took them by the throat
Bb CAnd she said My friend you re not allowed to vote
FBut they shook it all off, DmWith a nervous laugh and cough, Bb
C Next time, she said I ll let those people choke FThe
people who grinned themselves to death EbSmiled so much they failed to take a
breath BbAnd even when their kids were starving CThey all thought the
queen was charmingShe polished all upon the wallAnd ran her hands right through
her hair So if the lady tookthe time to callAll the houses on the street would
not compareAnd she thought it really funnyThat she hadn t any moneyBut those she
looked up to, they had,But they shook it all offWith a nervous laugh and
coughAnd when they took her riches it was sad