

# The Greatest Thing

Elvis Costello

Everyone stopped when she walked in the room  
Isn't this the greatest thing  
Everyone own up but nobody could touch her  
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Punch the clock keep boxing clever  
You'll be young enough for ever  
Isn't this the greatest thing  
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I heard some new confection  
Said we can't afford to feel affection  
And it's the lastest thing  
In and out of matrimony  
Never once removed the Sony  
'Cos it's a status thing  
So girls like that above described  
Are not to be so easily bribed  
With a white frock and a ring  
Punch the clock and in time you'll get pulled apart  
If you're married on paper and not in your heart  
But I won't be told that life with the one you love is sordid  
Just because some authority says you can't afford it  
Since nights were long and days were olden  
Woman to man has been beholden  
But since then times have been changing  
She sends back his tribute of a rose  
And says this ring is better suited for the nose  
He's always fingering  
I punch the clock and it's ok  
I know a girl who takes my breath away  
And it's the greatest  
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