

## Glitter Gulch

Elvis Costello

Enter Madam X painted in a shocking pink spangled dress  
Her teeth are perfect but her mouth is loose  
Rubbing their hands together she persuades them that it's better  
to confess  
Which unpleasant fate they'd like to choose

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he stood five feet tall in his elevator shoes and stovepipe hat  
He was known by several different names  
Prompted by Madam X he answered all their questions  
And then after that he said I'm sick and tired of stupid games

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We've got prizes if you can afford  
Some small humiliation before you get your reward  
And I'd rather be an outlaw than an inlaw to you  
And to live my life in miserable poverty  
Than to have to grovel to have some dream home hovel  
So watch me while I get away with prime time robbery

As he enters Madam X he thinks of red raged faces and the sweet  
greenbacks  
He climbed upon his honey and he covered her with money  
As they do their victory dance  
He thinks I hope they choke upon their laughter tracks  
They can all go straight to hell while we howl down the whole hotel