

## I'll Wear It Proudly

Elvis Costello

I hate these flaming curtains they're not the color of your hair  
I hate these striplights they're not so undoing as your stare  
I hate the buttons on your shirt when all I wanna do is tear  
I hate this bloody big bed of mine when you're not here

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And nail my feet up where my head should be  
If they had a King of Fools then I could wear that crown  
And you can all die laughing because I'll wear it proudly

Well you seem to be shivering dear and the room is awfully warm  
In the white and scarlet billows that subside beyond the storm  
You have this expression dear no words could take its place  
And I wear it like a badge that you put all over my face

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I'll wear it proudly through the dives and the dancehalls  
If you'll wear it proudly through the snakepits and catcalls  
Like a fifteen year old kid wears a vampire kiss  
If you don't know what is wrong with me  
Then you don't know what you've missed

We are arms and legs wrapped round more than my memory tonight  
When the bell rang out and the air outside turned blue from fright  
But in shameless moments you made more of me than just a mess  
And a handful of eagerness says "What do you suggest?"

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