

# International Echo

Elvis Costello

The streets were deserted and the house was dark  
Down in the basement there was the faintest spark  
Three boys hoping to make their mark  
International echo

They said it was nothing but a worthless toy  
Sign right here and you can be employed  
Woke up startled in the state of joy  
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The roof is shaking and the house is ablaze  
I've been wide-awake for days  
I thought I heard a signal breaking through  
And at this distance that is hard to do  
Could be seven inches  
Could be twelve  
Drop the needle on it and let it revolve

I felt a pulse and a drum tattoo  
I was just thinking about you

Send out a message and it's sure to rebound  
What's that I hear?  
What is that sound?  
Seems to be coming from under the ground  
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It can't be repeated  
It can't be resisted  
It went out straight and it came back twisted  
If you didn't see it then, then you probably missed it  
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Must be something in the atmosphere  
Let me be your volunteer  
I thought I heard a signal coming through  
In a language that I never knew  
Give me seven inches  
Give me twelve  
Drop the needle on it and let it revolve

I felt a pulse and a drum tattoo  
Even though it was taboo  
Solo!

They paid me money for playing pretend  
And they said this must be the end  
I was just following the popular trend  
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Beer from the bottle and wine from the grape  
Stood up straight, got bent out of shape  
Now I'm just looking for some way to escape  
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Everything I said just seems automatic  
Radio plays nothing but static

I think that I'm about to flip my lid  
My waitress said that she might be my kid  
Give me seven inches  
Give me twelve  
Drop the needle on it and let it revolve

Did you hear me calling you?  
'Cos hear I go  
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Echo  
Solo!

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