

# Jack of All Parades

Elvis Costello

When we first met I didn't know what to do  
My old love lines were all worn out on you  
And the world walked round my mouth  
They lit me up and they snuffed me out

And I was everybody's boy  
But soon that thrill just fades  
To be the love of one true heart  
Or the Jack of all parades

You won't know who to thank  
You won't know who to blame  
It's just a part of the Murdering Game  
'Cos down in the fleshpots  
Where they pay you in pounds  
They're laughing like drains  
And baying like bloodhounds  
For the Jack of all parades  
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Once I knew a girl  
That looked so much like Judy Garland  
That people would stop and give her money  
And everybody was Frankie, Jimmy or Bobby  
Not the Jack, the Jack of all Parades,  
Oh the Jack, the Jack of all Parades,  
Oh the Jack, of all Parades.

Now the way that I feel is no longer news  
You know my love and how to refuse it  
Cause you know where the door is  
And how to use it  
Oh you know you do

But from my chequered past  
To this shattered terrace  
Where you can't keep your mind off  
the Crimes of Paris  
And you can't keep your peace  
And try to forget it  
And I can't forgive you  
For things you haven't done yet

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When we first met I didn't know what to do  
My old love lines were all worn out on you  
And the world walked 'round my mouth  
I didn't mean to say it  
I just blurted it out  
As you pretended not to notice  
Or be taken aback  
And I loved you there and then  
It's as simple as that

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Oh the Jack of all parades