

Next Time Round

Elvis Costello

As I stepped out upon the landing my heart was already down the stairs

She's in the bedroom with that boy of hers
Though her face is creased and her eyes seem strange
There's a second-hand emotion on battered forty-five
My tears were never enough to keep that girl alive
Now she seems contrite will she make the change

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You'll be someone else's baby
But I'll be underground
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Then you took two steps forward and then one step on your back
Now it's a future for me and you that I lack
You'll be the one who'll stands out in the dark
Even when you're all dressed in black

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You've got something I want now
And I've got something I can't hide
I've got too much love for you now
Have you got too much pride
Sometimes I name and number all the things you gave to me

Your elastic love, this velvet-line purgatory
You used to take the breath out of me
Now I think you'll be the death of me

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You'll be in some sputnik baby
But I'll be underground

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