## **Pidgin English**

## **Elvis Costello**

There's a young girl with her old man who's too sick to mention She'll be turning twenty seven as she draws her widow's pension But he couldn't catch a common cold he couldn't get arrested Too terrified to answer back Too tired to have resisted

Many hands make light work Shorthand makes life easy When he's out on night work Make sure no one sees me It all ends up in a slanging match with body talk and bruises A change is better than a rest Silly beggars can't be choosers

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If you're so wise use your lips and your eyes Take it to the bridge she sighs

You go cheep cheep cheep between bulleyes and bluster Stiff as your poker face Keener than mustard From your own back yard to the land of exotica From the truth society to neurotic erotica

Silence is golden Money talks diamonds and ermine There's a word in Spanish Italian and German In sign language, morse code, semaphore and gibberish Have you forgotten how to say it In your Pidgin English?

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