

# Shabby Doll

Elvis Costello

Giving you more of what for  
Always worked for me before  
Now I'm a shabby doll  
What's going on behind the green elevator door  
With just a shabby doll

There's a hit man facing  
A compromising situation  
With just a shabby doll  
And a very neat line in character assassination  
She's just a shabby doll

She's just a shabby doll  
She's putting him off and putting you on  
She's just the shabby doll  
You're swearing upon you know in your heart  
She's gone you know in your heart  
She's just a shabby doll

There's a girl in this dress  
There's always a girl in distress  
She's just a shabby doll  
She's so sure she's self-possessed  
Then again she's half undressed  
She's just a shabby doll

The boy that I used to be  
Showed no sign of sympathy  
For just a shabby doll  
I have betrayed you and me  
And paid for my own bribery  
With just a shabby doll

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He's the tired toy that everyone enjoyed  
He wants to be a fancy man but he's nothing but a nancy boy  
He's all pride and no joy

And being what you might call a whore  
Always worked for me before  
Now I'm a shabby doll  
Untie the gag the cat's out of the bag  
But won't show his claws  
He's just a shabby doll

She said you must be joking  
Some things are left unspoken  
You're just a shabby doll  
He's lying limp and soaking  
He was openly broken  
By just a shabby doll

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