

## Walk Us Uptown

Elvis Costello

Will you walk us uptown?  
And wherever you go, you know we will follow  
Will you walk us uptown? And we'll stand in the light  
of your new killing ground, and we won't make a sound  
...Except to sing our sorrow  
Will you walk us uptown while our tears run in torrents  
to suffer in silence or pray for some solace  
Will you wash away our sins in the cross-fire and cross-  
currents?  
As you uncross your fingers, and take out some insurance

No matter what the price  
It's your own paradise  
Will you walk us uptown?  
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Some hearts are sinking and some hearts are a-flutter  
Some scoop gold from the dirt in the gutter  
Or swallow the earth, pouring into your mouth  
As they bury us upright saying, "Everything's alright"  
Will you walk us uptown like some said that you could  
We will feast on your flesh and drink down your blood  
Will you haul down that flag and dishonour that vow?  
Cause we must not change its color now  
Will you walk us uptown?

No matter what the price  
Each crushed on the corner of their own paradise  
Will you walk us uptown?

Will you walk us uptown? That's always assuming  
that you're partly divine and partly human  
You're the king of our hearts, you're the clown with the drum  
Will you walk us uptown if we promise not to run?  
Will you walk us uptown? Will you gather us near  
as cowards flee and traitors sneer?  
Keep a red flag flying, keep a blue flag as well  
and a white flag in case it all goes to hell (hell!)