

# Wise Up Ghost

Elvis Costello

Last lions roar before they're tamed  
I stood out in the glorious reign  
Knowing full well I can't go home again  
Wise Up Ghost

Wise Up  
When are you going to rise up?  
Wise Up Ghost  
Yield some sighs up  
Wise Up Ghost

Go on your merry way now if you must  
Fool's Gold turns rivets into rust  
'Til you don't know who to trust  
Wise Up Ghost

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When are you going to rise up?  
Wise Up Ghost (Wise Up Ghost)  
Yield some sighs up (Wise Up Ghost)  
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Old woman living in a cardboard shoe  
Lost so many souls, she don't know what to do  
So, say your prayers 'cos down the stairs it's 1932  
Wise Up Ghost

She revolves around a sparkling pole  
Stares into the mirrored wall  
Sees another woman walking through a market stall  
(She's pulling out the pin)  
Wise Up Ghost  
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Yield some sighs up (Wise Up Ghost)  
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Lost girl found on the radio  
Down around Larado  
Go direct to hell you murdering so-and-so  
Wise Up Ghost

Trapped within a House of Feathers  
Sitting in a Shirt of Wire  
Howling at a Wall of Flowers  
Saying "Wise Up Ghost"

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I walked along an iron pier

Where Rose's kisses turned to tears  
Saltwater rushing over the pebbles under there  
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Last sigh of passion  
Slipped into the room like an assassin  
Glad tidings we bring  
For you and your King  
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