

# Worthless Thing

Elvis Costello

How many times can you jump out of the cupboard  
Before someone gets suspicious or someone gets discovered  
You can live forever in a split second of fame  
Come on down the price is right what's your name  
While a crocodile makes good shoes and a dog may change his coat  
I can't change what's written on your face tonight and I quote

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Quite how much you could mean to me  
You worthless thing  
If you were ten feet taller and almost handsome  
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They commit blue murder along Union Avenue  
Then they sell you souvenir matches  
Nightclubs full of grave robbers from Memphis, Tennessee  
And Las Vegas body snatchers  
And he's carrying a warning can't you see how his eyes glint  
Keep your bloody hands off my life your affectionate fingerprint

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All the cars and pills and girls who tore his shirt to tatters  
Do you know how tall he was 'cos that is all that really matters?  
Do you know his mother's last name do you think that he's divine?  
You've seen the film you've read the book  
you're drinking vintage Elvis Presley wine

Bored out of your tiny mind while life is twice as large  
They'll cut her down to size on television  
She's available and beautiful, but with more time to devote  
They're going to take this cable now and stick it down your throat  
So this is an obituary which should be right and fitting  
For every clockwork cat and conceivable kitten

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