

## Less Than Zero

(Original version written and recorded by Elvis Costello 1977.)

(F)Calling Mr. (Bb)Oswald with the (C)swastika tat(F)too  
There (C)is a (F)(Bb)vacancy (Bb)waiting in the (C)English voo(F)doo  
(C)Carving (Bb)"V" for "Vandal" on the (Gm)guilty boy's head  
When he's (Bb)had enough of that, maybe you'll (Gm)take him to bed  
To (C)teach him he's a(F/C)live be(C)fore he wishes he was (F/C)dead(C)  
(F/C)(C)

(Bb)Turn up the TV, no one (F)listening will suspect  
Even your (Bb)mother won't detect it, so your (F)father won't know  
(Bb)They think that I've (F)got no respect but  
(Ebm7)(Tacet) Everything is (F)less than zero  
(F)Hey, (Bb)oo hey-(F)ey (C)(F)  
(C)Hey, (F)(Bb)oo hey-(F)ey(C)

(F)Oswald and his (Bb)sister are (C)doing it a(F)gain  
(C)They've got the (F)finest home (Bb)movies that (C)you have ever (F)seen  
(C)They've got a (Bb)thousand variations, every (Gm)service with a smile  
They're gonna (Bb)take a little break and they'll be (Gm)back after a while  
Well, I (C)hear that South A(F/C)meri(C)ca is coming into (F/C)style(C)  
(F/C)(C)

*(chorus)*

A (F)pistol was still (Bb)smoking, a (C)man lay on the (F)floor  
(C)Mr. (F)Oswald said he (Bb)had an under(C)standing with the (F)law  
(C)He said he (Bb)heard about a couple living (Gm)in the USA  
He said they (Bb)traded in their baby for a (Gm)Chevrolet  
Let's(C) talk about the (F/C)fut(C)ure, now we've put the past a(F/C)way(C)  
(F/C)(C)

*(chorus)*

(F)Hey, (Bb)oo hey-(F)ey (C)(F)  
(C)Hey, (F)(Bb)oo hey-(F)ey(C)  
*(repeat and fade)*

