

Watching The Detectives

(Written and recorded by Elvis Costello, 1977.)

(Am) (Am7) (Am) (F) (Fadd9) (F) (repeat)

(Am) Nice girls, not one with a defect,

(F) Cellophane shrink-wrapped, so correct.

(Am) Red dogs under illegal **(F)** legs.

(Am) She looks so good that he gets down and **(F)** begs.

She is **(C)** watching the detectives. "Ooh, **(G)** he's so cute!"

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When they **(G)** shoot, **(C)** shoot, **(F)** shoot, **(D)** shoot.

(Am) They beat him up until the teardrops start, **(G)**

(F) But he can't be wounded 'cause he's got no **(C)** heart. **(G)**

(Am) Long shot at that jumping sign,

(F) Visible shivers running down my spine.

(Am) Cut to baby taking off her clothes.

(F) Close-up of the sign that says, "We never close"

(Am) He snatch at you and you match a cigarette,

(F) She pulls the eyes out with a face like a magnet.

(Am) I don't know how much more of this I can **(F)** take.

(Am) She's filing her nails while they're dragging the **(F)** lake.

(chorus)

(Am) You think you're alone until you realize you're in it.

Now **(F)** fear is here to stay. Love is here for a visit.

They **(Am)** call it instant justice when it's past the legal limit.

Someone's **(F)** scratching at the window. I wonder who is it?

(Am) The detectives come to check if you belong to the parents

Who are **(F)** ready to hear the worst about their daughter's disappearance.

Though it **(Am)** nearly took a miracle to get you to stay,

It only **(F)** took my little fingers to blow you **(C)** away. **(G)**

Just like **(C)** watching the detectives. **(G)** Don't get cute!

It's just like **(C)** watching the detectives.

(Am) I get so angry when the teardrops start, **(Am7)**

(F) But he can't be wounded 'cause he's got no **(C)** heart.

(G) Watching the detectives.

(C) Watching the detectives. *(repeat and fade)*

