Beyond Belief

Words & Music: Elvis Costello

D
History repeats the old conceits
   G
The glib replies the same defeats
D
Keep your finger on important issues
   F
With crocodile tears and a pocketful of tissues

D
I'm just the oily slick
   G
On the windup world of the nervous tick
D         F
In a very fashionable hovel

D
I hang around dying to be tortured
   G
You'll never be alone in the bone orchard
   D/F#               F
This battle with the bottle is nothing so novel

D         G
So in this almost empty gin palace
   D/F#
Through a two-way looking glass
   F
You see your alice

D
You know she has no sense
   G
For all your jealousy
   D                         F
In a sense she still smiles very sweetly
D
Charged with insults and flattery
G
Her body moves with malice
D                        F
Do you have to be so cruel to be callous

D                        G
And now you find you fit this identikit completely

D/F#                     F
You say you have no secrets

And then leave discreetly

G
I might make it California's fault
Be locked in Geneva's deepest vault
Bm                                            G
Just like the canals of Mars and the Great Barrier Reef
Dm
I come to you beyond belief

D
My hands were clammy and cunning
G
She's been suitably stunning
D                        F
But I know there's not a hope in Hades

D                        G
All the laddies cat call and wolf whistle
D
So called gentlemen and ladies
F
Dog fight like rose and thistle
D
I've got a feeling
G
I'm going to get a lot of grief
D/F#
Once this seemed so appealing
F
Now I am beyond belief