

Elvis Costello- Watching the Detectives (1977)

Intro: Bass riff, then (Am F) then

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B-----
G-----
D-----
A-----0-2v-----3--2--3-----
E-0--3-----1v--

Verse 1:

Am
Nice girls, not one with a defect
F
Cellophane shrink wrap, so correct
Am F
Red dogs under illegal legs
Am F
She looks so good that he gets down and begs

<u>Chords Used:</u>	
Am	(x02210)
F	(133211)
C	(x32010)
G	(320003)
Em	(022000)
D/F#	(2x0232)

Chorus:

C
She is watching the detectives
G
"Ooh, he's so cute"
C
She is watching the detectives
G* Em* F* D/F#* Am*
When they shoot, shoot, shoot, shoot

Post-Chorus:

Am
They beat him up until the teardrops start
F C G
But he can't be wounded cos he's got no heart

Verse 2:

Long shot of that jumping sign
Visible shivers running down my spine
Cut to baby taking off her clothes
Close up of the sign that says, "We never close"

Verse 3:

You snatch a tune, you match a cigarette
She pulls the eyes out with a face like a magnet
I don't know how much more of this I can take
She's filing her nails while they're dragging the lake



Chorus

Post-Chorus

Verse 4:

You think you're alone, until you realize you're in it, Now
fear is here to stay, love is here for a visit
They call it instant justice when it's past the legal limit
Someone's scratching at the window, I wonder who is it?

Verse 5: (Verse is the same except last line)

The detectives come to check if you belong to the parents
Who are ready to hear the worst about their daughter's
disappearance
Though it nearly took a miracle to get you to stay
F (silence) F (downstrokes getting louder)
It only took my little fingers to blow you away

Chorus 2:

C G
Just like watching the detectives,
C
Don't get cute
G
Watching the detectives,

Post-Chorus 2:

Am
I get so angry when the teardrops start
F C
But he can't be wounded cuz he's got no heart

Outro: (to fade w/Intro riff)

G
Watching the detectives,
Am F
Just like watching the detectives