

# Oliver's Army

## Elvis Costello

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Don't start me talking

I could talk all night

My mind goes sleepwalking

While I'm putting the world to right

Called careers information

Have you got yourself an occupation?

Oliver's army is here to stay

Oliver's army are on their way

And I would rather be anywhere else

But here today

There was a checkpoint Charlie

He didn't crack a smile

But it's no laughing party

When you've been on the murder mile

Only takes one itchy trigger

One more widow, one less white nigger

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Bridge

Hong Kong is up for grabs

London is full of Arabs

We could be in Palestine

Overrun by a Chinese line

With the boys from the Mersey and the Thames and the Tyne

But there's no danger

It's a professional career

Though it could be arranged

With just a word in Mister Churchill's ear

If you're out of luck you're out of work  
We could send you to Johannesburg

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