

## 13 Steps Lead Down

Elvis Costello

When nobody knows she puts on secret clothes  
And lies in the meadow with her hands tied behind her back  
I won't refuse if you know how to use it  
Just stop playing that ugly drug music

Thirteen steps lead down  
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There's commoners and kings  
And everyone's a prisoner of  
Paper and glue  
And a decent pair of scissors  
So tonight I'm drinking to your health  
Because I just can't stand myself

Thirteen steps lead down (4x)

She stands and fails  
On fashion fingernails  
Her lovers have her walking 'round  
On instruments of torture  
And one of them is poisonous  
The other is a thief they say  
So what one could give to her  
The other cannot take away

When nobody knows she puts on secret clothes  
And lies in her splendour for a picture opportunity  
Cover up that bruise, put on patent leather shoes  
Just stop playing that bad mood music

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