

## 15 Petals

Elvis Costello

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One for every year I spent with you  
Jewels and precious metals will never do  
I love you twisted  
And I love you straight  
I'd write it down but I can't concentrate  
Words won't obey they do as the please  
And all I am left with are these...

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The thorn is blunted  
The perfume will fade  
I stand where sun is set  
I crave the shade  
Down in the tavern with Mary and Joe  
Palms reached for alms as they throw

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One for every hour that we're apart  
Tears and useless battles  
I'll never start

Mussolini highway  
There's a frankincense tree  
I picked some up there to carry with me  
You take me to places where I'd never go  
I love you more than you know

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Scattered in the path where you will tread  
15 Petals  
Of vivid red

One wine-bar vamp with the polythene face  
Ein Panzer Kommander with no hair in place  
The crooked battalions drilled holes in the square