

## Oliver's Army

Elvis Costello

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

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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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Hong kong is up for grabs  
london is full of arabas  
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 mr. Churchill's ear  
if you're out of luck you're out of work  
we could send you to johannesburg

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