Big Boys

Elvis Costello & The Attractions

I am starting to function
In the usual way
Everything is so provocative

Very, very temporaryI shall walk

(I shall walk)

Out of this place

(Out of this place)I shall walk out on you

'Cause you go silly

If she's willing

Trying so hard to be like the big boysSo you take her to the pictures

Trying to become a fixture

Inch by inch trying to reach her

Worrying about your physical fitness

Tell me how you got this sickness? Oh, ohI was caught in the suction

By a face like a truncheon

I was down upon one knee

Stroking her vanityI was stuck on a hammerhead

I came alive and left for dead

As my face returned to red

Choking on my pride and pityWe can talk

(We can talk)

'Til your face is blue

('Til your face is blue)

We can talk but she'll get to you

After you've been loved and hated

By the ones you've watched and waited

Found that they were overratedShe'll be the one

(When the party's over)

She'll be the one

(When the girls have gone home)She'll be the one

(That you'll wish you'd held onto)

She'll be the one

(But it's too late for you to)She'll be the one

(Who knows all your history)

She'll be the oneSo you can cross her off your list

And you try so hard

And you try so hard

And you try so hard

To be like the big boys, oh

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