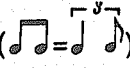


Watching The Detectives

Words and Music by Elvis Costello

Moderately slow, in 2 (♩ = ♪) 



Nice girls, not one with a de - fect, cel-lo-phant shrink-wrapped, so cor-rect._

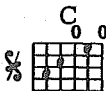


Red dogs un - der il - le - gal legs._

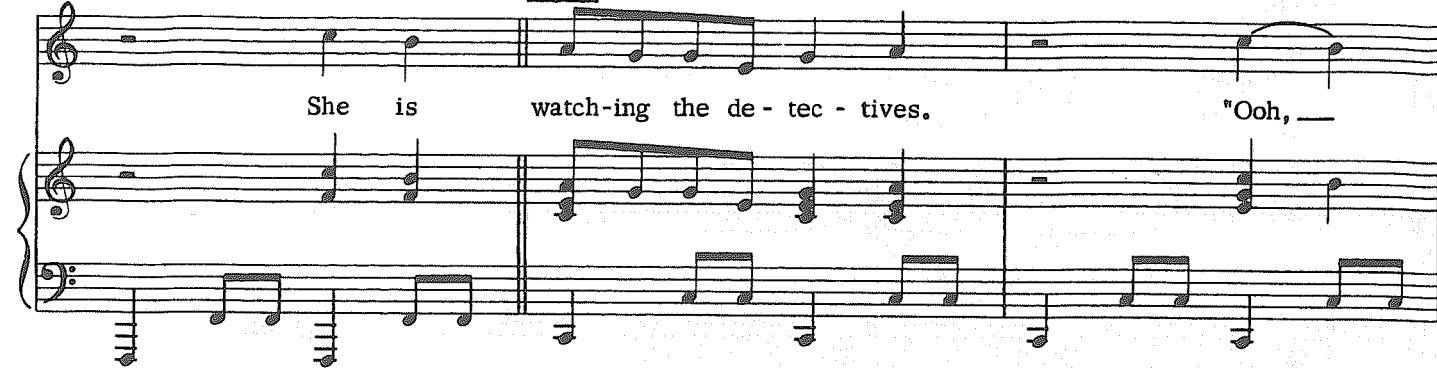


She looks_ so good_ that he gets_ down and_ begs.


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She is watch-ing the de - tec - tives. "Ooh, —




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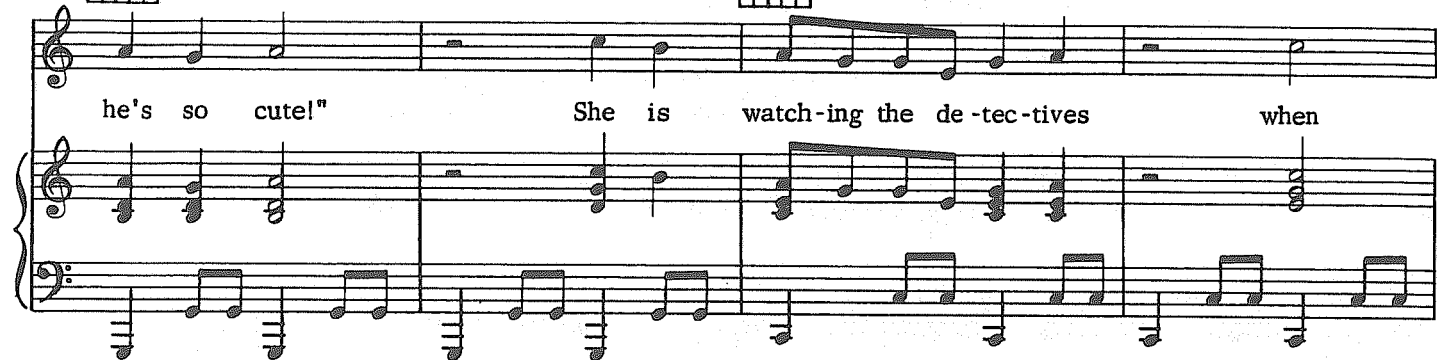


he's so cute!"


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
She is watch-ing the de - tec - tives when




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
C/E




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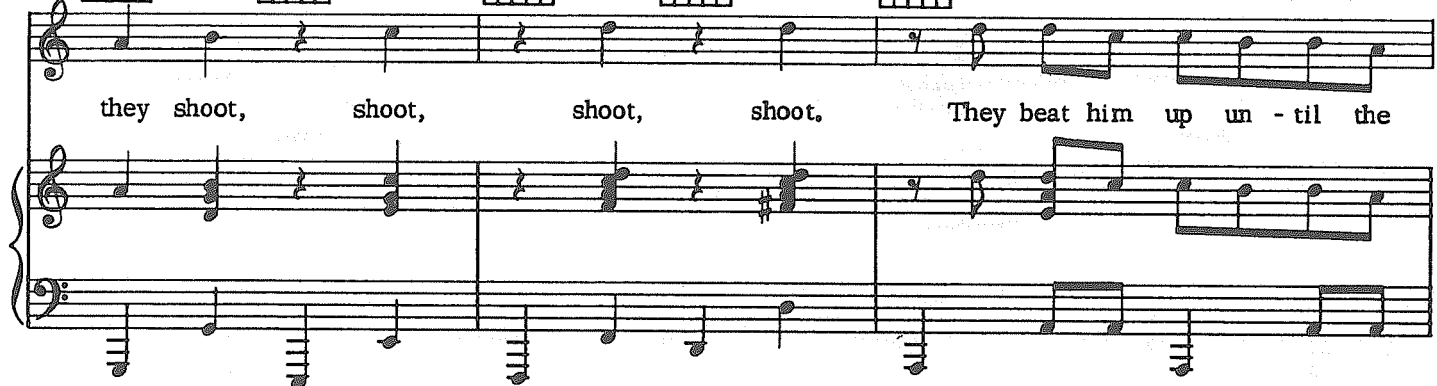
D7




Am




they shoot, shoot, shoot, shoot. They beat him up un - til the



G x000

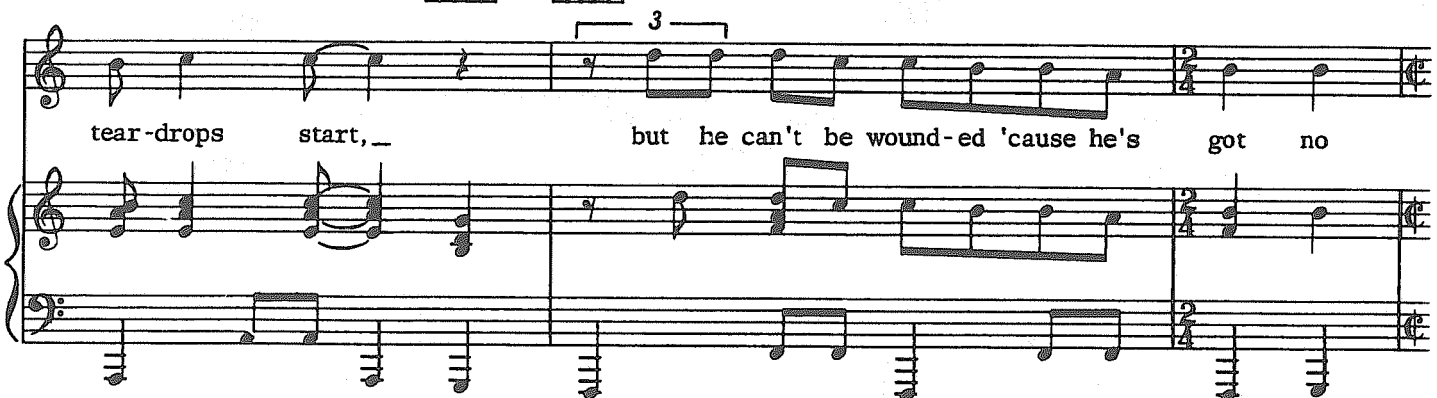


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3

tear-drops start, — but he can't be wound-ed 'cause he's got no



C 0 0

G x000

heart. —

To Coda

Am 0 0 0

Long shot of that jump-ing sign. —

F

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

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Vis - i - ble shiv - ers run - ning down my spine. Cut the ba - by tak - ing


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
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off her clothes. — Close-up of the sign that says, "We Nev - er Close." —

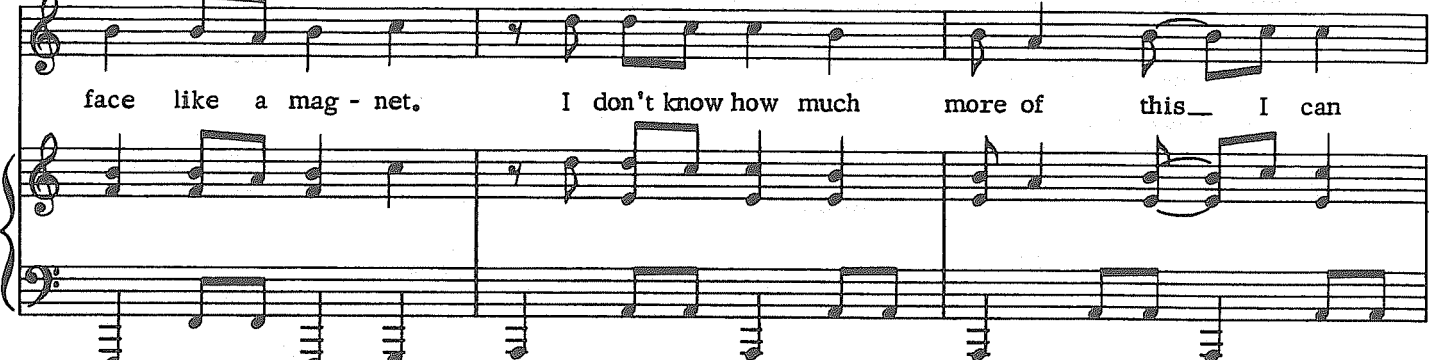
Am  F 



You snatch a tune, you match a cig - a-rette. She pulls the eyes out with a ³




Am 


face like a mag - net. I don't know how much more of this I can




F  Am 

take. She's fil - ing her ³



F 

nails while they're drag - ging the lake. She is ³ *D. S. $\frac{3}{4}$ al Coda*



Coda Am



3 3 3 3

You think you're a - lone un - til you re - al - ise you're in it. Now

F



3 3

fear is here to stay. Love is here for a vis - it. They



3 3

call it in - stant jus - tice when it's past the le - gal lim - it. Some - one's

F

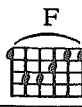


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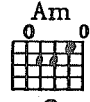
scratch - ing at the win - dow. I won - der, who is it? The de -



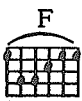
tec - tives come to check if you be - long to the par - ents who are




read - y to hear the worst a - bout their daugh - ter's dis - ap - pear - ance. Though it



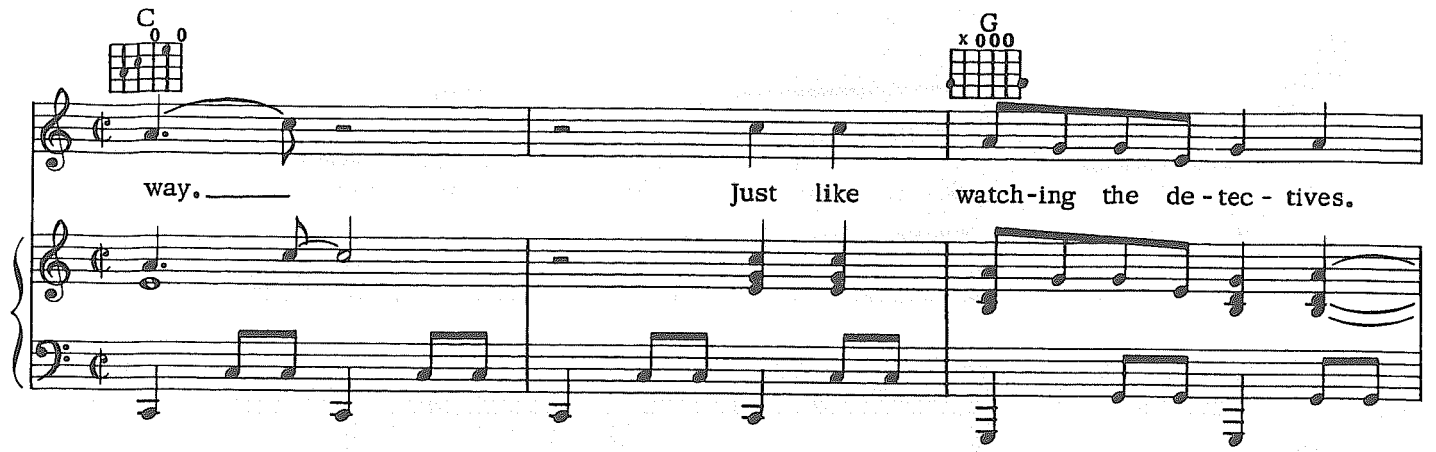
near - ly took a mir - a - cle to get you to stay, it on - ly




took my lit - tle fin - gers to blow you a -

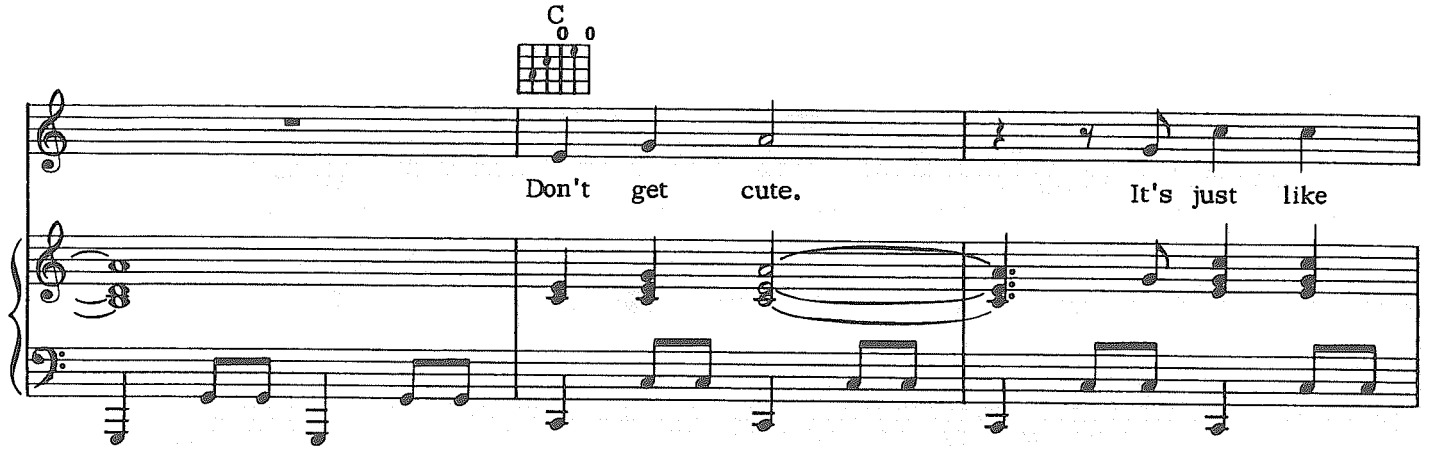
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

way. _____ Just like watch-ing the de-tec-tives.




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

Don't get cute. It's just like



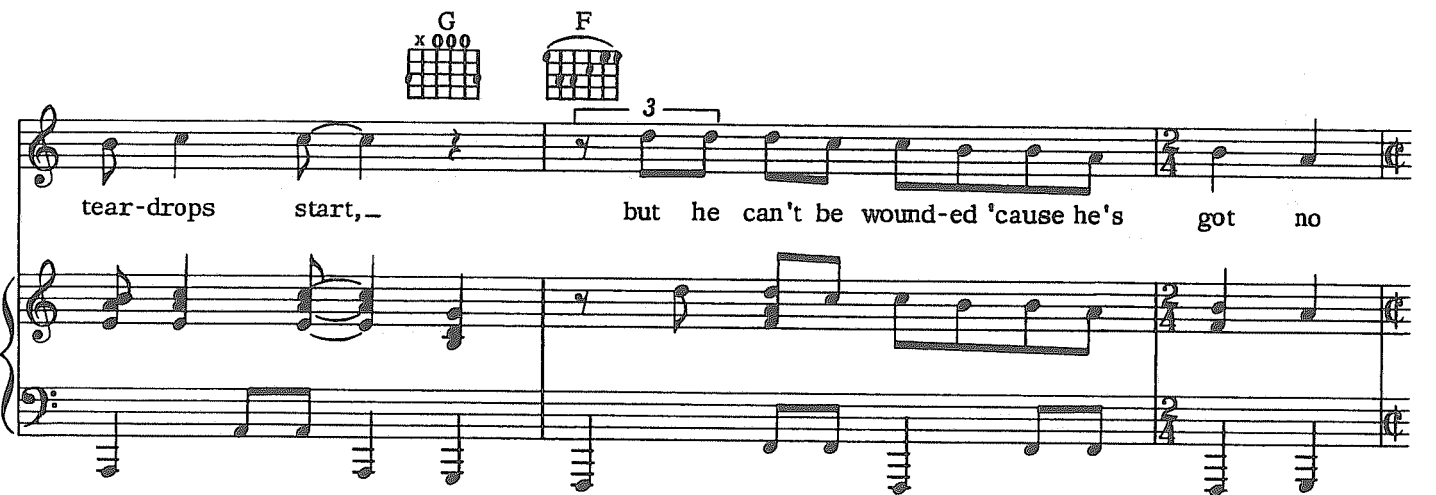
G  Am 



watch-ing the de-tec-tives. I get so an-gry when the



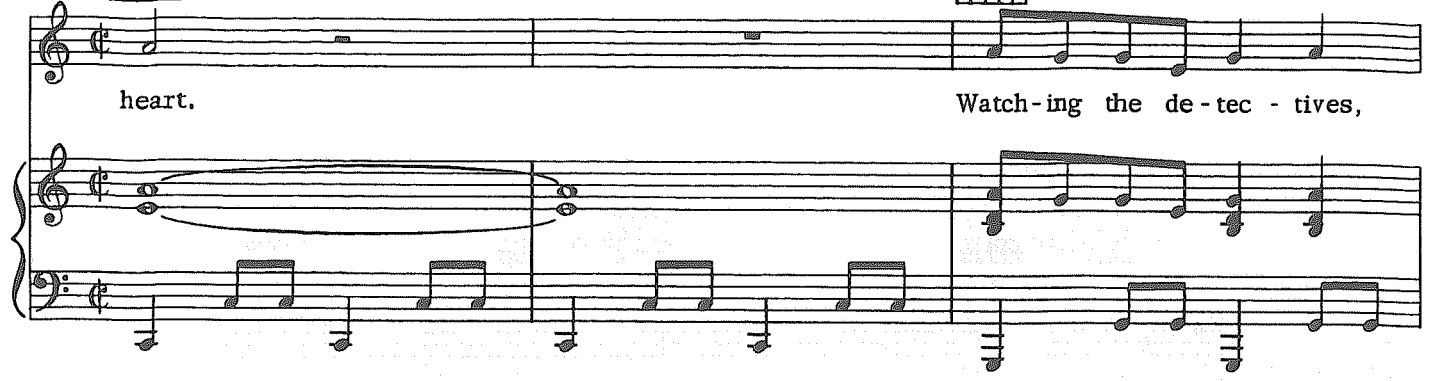
G  F  3


tear-drops start, - but he can't be wound-ed 'cause he's got no




C  



heart. Watch-ing the de-tec-tives,



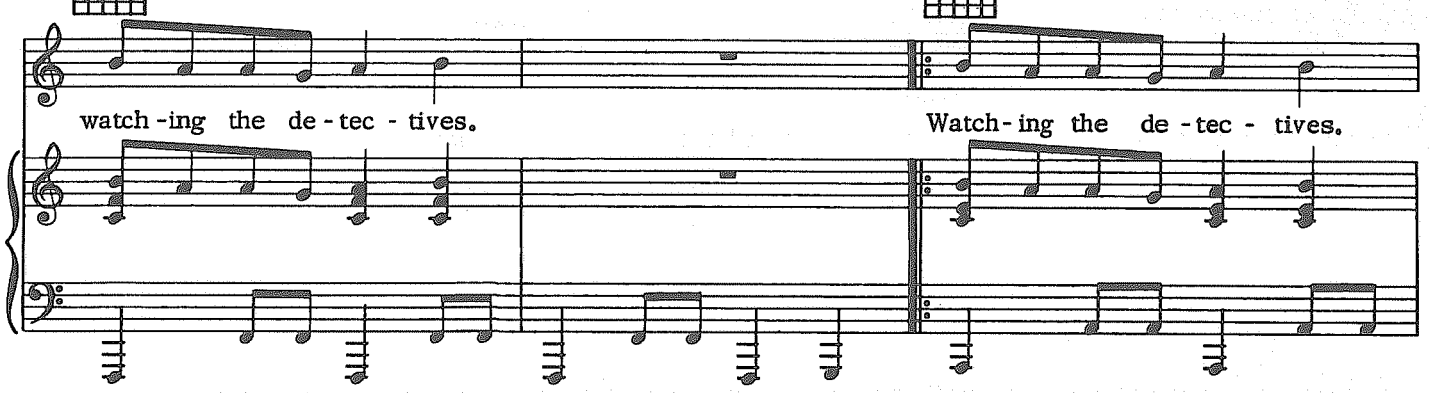
Am 


it's just like



F  *Repeat and fade*
Am 

watch-ing the de-tec-tives. Watch-ing the de-tec-tives.



F 

Watch-ing the de-tec-tives.

