

# Hey Clockface / How Can You Face Me?

Elvis Costello

Hey Clockface  
Keep your fingers on the dial  
You stole those precious moments  
And the kisses from her smile  
And now I'm living in these hours  
Away we will while  
I'm not wasting any more time

Hey Clockface  
I really want to know  
Why is it when we're apart  
You always take it slow  
And when she's here  
You always say "It's almost time to go"  
You said you'd be a friend to me  
But time is just my enemy  
And it is hurting me so

The moon comes through the window shining crescently and bright  
The sun rolls round again  
If I could turn your face back  
Before all of this started  
Forty minutes past four when her secrets she parted

Forty minutes past four in the faithless A.M  
She wound up in his arms and not the man that I am  
A spring that is sprung  
A cuckoo-bird that sung  
Now there's a nail in a bare wall  
Where your face once hung

Hey Clockface  
Now I don't feel a thing  
You stole away the heart in me  
And then removed my spring  
The winding mechanisms shot  
The movement is unwound  
Don't tick or tock or dare to make a sound

Hey Clock-face  
Well, don't you ever dare  
Count me down to zero hour  
And keep me waiting here  
A minute from departure  
I will twist your key and have her come back to me  
And have her come back to me

How can you face me?  
After what I've been through  
After you broke that vow  
How can you face me now?  
How can you face me now?  
How can you face me now?