

Little Palaces – Elvis Costello

Key: Notes:

[Intro]

Em - G, C - G, C - G, D - G - D - Em

[Verse 1]

Em G C G C G
In Chocolate Town all the trains are painted brown, and the silver paper of the wrapper.
 Em G C G
There's a dapper little man, and he wears a wax mustache
 C G C G
That he twists with nicotine fingers as he drops his cigarette ash.
 D G
And someone comes and sweeps it up, and then he doffs his cap
 D G
And there's a rat in someone's bedroom, and they're shutting someone's trap.
 Em D
And they'll soon be pulling down the little palaces.

[Verse 2]

Em G C G
And the doors swing back and forward, from the past into the present
 C G C G
And the bedside crucifixion turns from wood to phosphorescent.
 D G
And they're moving problem families from the South up to the North,
 D G
Mother's crying over some soft soap opera divorce,
 C F D
And you say you didn't do it, but you know you did of course,
 Em D
And they'll soon be pulling down the little palaces.

[Verse 3]

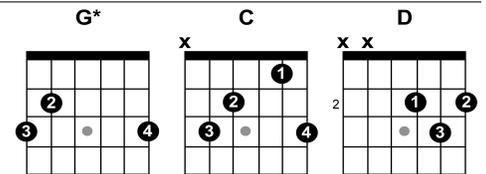
Em G C G
It's like shouting in a matchbox, filled with plasterboard and hope,
 C D G C D G
Like a picture of Prince William in the arms of John the Pope.
 Em G C G
There's a world of good intentions, and pity in their eyes,
 C G C G
The sedated homes of England, are theirs to vandalize.

[Bridge]

D G
So you knock the kids about a bit, because they've got your name,
 D G
And you knock the kids about a bit, until they feel the same.
 Em D
And they feel like knocking down the little palaces.

[Instrumental]

Em - G, C - G, C - G, D - G - D



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[Verse 5]

Em G C G
You're the twinkle in your daddy's eye, a name you spray and scribble,
 C G C G
You made the girls all turn their heads, and in turn they made you miserable.
 Em G C G
To be the heir apparent, to the kingdom of the invisible.
 D G
So you knock the kids about a bit, because they've got your name,
 D G
And you knock the kids about a bit, until they feel the same.
 Em D
Oh they feel like knocking down the little palaces.

[Ending]

Em - G, C - G, C - G, D - G - D
 Em - D - G, C - G, C - G, D - G - D - Em