

# Watching The Detectives

(Written and recorded by Elvis Costello, 1977.)

**(Am) (Am7) (Am) (F) (Fadd9) (F) (repeat)**

**(Am)** Nice girls, not one with a defect,

**(F)** Cellophane shrink-wrapped, so correct.

**(Am)** Red dogs under illegal **(F)** legs.

**(Am)** She looks so good that he gets down and **(F)** begs.

She is **(C)** watching the detectives. "Ooh, **(G)** he's so cute!"

She is **(C)** watching the detectives

When they **(G)** shoot, **(C)** shoot, **(F)** shoot, **(D)** shoot.

**(Am)** They beat him up until the teardrops start, **(G)**

**(F)** But he can't be wounded 'cause he's got no **(C)** heart. **(G)**

**(Am)** Long shot at that jumping sign,

**(F)** Visible shivers running down my spine.

**(Am)** Cut to baby taking off her clothes.

**(F)** Close-up of the sign that says, "We never close"

**(Am)** He snatch at you and you match a cigarette,

**(F)** She pulls the eyes out with a face like a magnet.

**(Am)** I don't know how much more of this I can **(F)** take.

**(Am)** She's filing her nails while they're dragging the **(F)** lake.

*(chorus)*

**(Am)** You think you're alone until you realize you're in it.

Now **(F)** fear is here to stay. Love is here for a visit.

They **(Am)** call it instant justice when it's past the legal limit.

Someone's **(F)** scratching at the window. I wonder who is it?

**(Am)** The detectives come to check if you belong to the parents

Who are **(F)** ready to hear the worst about their daughter's disappearance.

Though it **(Am)** nearly took a miracle to get you to stay,

It only **(F)** took my little fingers to blow you **(C)** away. **(G)**

Just like **(C)** watching the detectives. **(G)** Don't get cute!

It's just like **(C)** watching the detectives.

**(Am)** I get so angry when the teardrops start, **(Am7)**

**(F)** But he can't be wounded 'cause he's got no **(C)** heart.

**(G)** Watching the detectives.

**(C)** Watching the detectives. *(repeat and fade)*

