

# The Beat

## Elvis Costello & The Attractions

We're all going on a summer holiday  
Vigilante's coming out to follow me  
Heard somebody say, they're out to collar me  
Anybody wanna swallow me? Takes two to tumble, it takes two to tango  
Speak up, don't mumble if you're in the combo On the beat, on the beat  
Till a man comes along and he says  
"Have you been a good boy, never played with your toy?  
Though you never enjoy, such a pleasure to employ" See your friends in the state they're in  
See your friends getting under their skin  
See your friends getting taken in  
Well, if you only knew the things you do to me  
I'd do anything to confuse the enemy  
There's only one thing wrong with you befriending me  
Take it easy, I think you're bending me I've been a bad boy with the standard leader  
My neighbor's revving up his Vaux hall Viva On the beat, on the earth beat  
Till a man comes along and he says  
"Have you been a good boy, never played with your toy?  
Though you never enjoy, such a pleasure to employ" See your friends walking down the street  
See your friends never quite complete  
See your friends getting under their feet Oh, I don't want to disease you  
But I'm no good with machinery  
Oh, I don't wanna freeze you  
Stop looking at the scenery  
I keep thinking about your mother  
Oh, I don't wanna lick them  
I don't wanna be a lover  
I just wanna be your victim I don't go out much at night  
I don't go out much at all  
Did you think you were the only one  
Who was waiting for a call?  
On the beat, on the beat, on the earth beat  
Till a man comes along and he says  
"Have you been a good boy, never played with your toy?  
Though you never enjoy, such a pleasure to employ"  
See your friends treat me like a stranger  
See your friends despite all the arrangements  
See your friends, nothing here has changed  
Just the beat, just the beat, just the beat, just the beat

