

## Put Away Forbidden Playthings

Elvis Costello

Put away forbidden playthings  
Amusements and distractions  
And dismantle the contraption and carry it away

In time as beauty dissolves into glamour  
It slips from your heart and falls under the hammer.  
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And never return to pluck out that jewel  
Or find the thrill that slumbers still  
While suffering the dream of disobeying.  
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