

Oliver's Army Elvis Costello

Don't start me talking -
I could talk all night.
My mind goes sleepwalking
While I'm putting the world to rights -
Called careers information
Have you got yourself an occupation?

*Oliver's Army is here to stay
Oliver's Army are on their way
And I would rather be anywhere else
But here today.*

There was a checkpoint Charlie
He didn't crack a smile -
But it's no laughing party
When you've been on the murder mile -
Only takes one itchy trigger
One more widow, one more dead figure.

Chorus

Bridge

Hong Kong is up for grabs
London is full of Arabs
We could be in Palestine
Overrun by a Chinese line
With the boys from the Mersey and the Thames and the Tyne . . .

But there's no danger
It's professional career
Though it could be arranged
With just a word in Mr Churchill's ear -
If you're out of luck you're out of work
We could send you to Johannesburg -

Chorus repeat: And I would rather be . . . today.