Oliver’s Army (Elvis Costello)
(Costello) - Keys of G & A / Original Keys = A & B

G /// / /// C /// D7 ///
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G
Don’t start me talking
C D7
I could talk all night
G
My mind was sleepwalking
C B7 Em
While I’m puttin’ the world to right
A7
Called careers information
Em A7
Have you got yourself an occupation?

G C D7
Oliver’s army is here to stay
G C D7
Oliver’s army are on their way
G Em C D7 G /// / /// C /// D7 ///
And I would rather be anywhere else but here today

G
There was a checkpoint Charlie
C D7
He didn’t crack a smile
G
But it’s no laughing party
C B7 Em
When you’ve been on the murder mile
A7
Only takes one itchy trigger
Em A7
One more widow, one less ‘white nigger’

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F#m E7
Hong Kong is up for grabs
D Db7
London is full of Arabs
B7 E7
We could be in Palestine
B7 E7
Overrun by a Chinese line
B7 E7

With the boys from the Mersey and the Thames and the Tyne—
A
But there’s no danger
D E7 A
It’s a professional career

Though it could be arranged
D Db7 F#m
With just a word in Mr Churchill’s ear
B7 F#m
If you’re out of luck or out of work
B7 A / / / D / E7 /
We could send you to Johannesburg

A D E7
Oliver’s army is here to stay
A D E7
Oliver’s army are on their way
A F#m D
And I would rather be anywhere else
E7 A
But here today
F#m D
And I would rather be anywhere else
E7 A / / /
But here today—

/ / / D E7 A / / /
Oh-oh-oh oh-oh, oh-oh-oh-oh oh
/ / / D E7 A
Oh-oh-oh oh-oh, oh-oh-oh-oh oh