# **MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET - Elvis**

# **PHILLIPS**

Elvis Presley! Hey, man, I thought we canned your butt outta here last year!

# **ELVIS**

Good to see yuh, Mistuh Phillips. Hey y'all, this is Dyanne.

#### **DYANNE**

Hiya fellas.

#### **JERRY LEE**

Jumpin Jehosophat! I'm in love.

#### **ELVIS**

So this is the new kid you were tellin' me 'bout?

#### **JERRY LEE**

Jerry Lee Lewis, Ferriday Louisiana...pleasure to meet you, Elvis

# **DYANNE**

We're not stayin' long. We're just headin' over to his house.

# **PHILLIPS**

You meetin' Momma Presley?

# **ELVIS**

She sure is.

# **PHILLIPS**

Honey, it's big doin's around here when you meet the family. Did I see you in that movie Elvis just done?

# **DYANNE**

No, no, I...

# **ELVIS**

She's a singer, Mistuh Phillips. Wait'll you hear her...She's been tearin' up the Hollywood strip. (to Johnny Cash) John! How you doin', man?

#### **JOHNNY**

Good, buddy. Real good.

#### **ELVIS**

Carl, man. I ain't seen you in forever. You really bin givin' me a run for my money this year.

#### **CARL**

Ain't bin much of a horserace of late, but I'm comin' back to whup your butt, man. Better believe it.

(CARL plays a snatch of the melody of "Love Me Tender")

#### **ELVIS**

Oh, man. Don't rub it in.

(Noticing gold records on the studio wall)

Whooeee...Weren't none a'them gold records up there last time I was here. I tell ya, hun, Mister Phillips here knows SOMETHIN', and he ain't tellin' no one what it is.

(ELVIS goes to hand PHILLIPS the Christmas present)

Hey, I almost forgot. Merry Christmas, Mistuh Phillips.

# **PHILLIPS**

Well, look-a-here...?

(Pronouncing it wrong)

Glenn-fy-ditch...All the way from Scotland. We might have an occasion to break this open.

(Looks at JOHNNY, raises bottle.)

Very soon. Well, it's good to see you, El-vi. Been about a year, huh?

# **ELVIS**

One hell of a year!

# **CARL**

Tell you what I wanna' hear...your girlfriend here.

(To BAND)

Ain't that right fellas?

# **ELVIS**

Yeah. Why not. Come on, Dee, let's hear a little somethin'! (She demurs)

C'mon, babe. Bring a little class to this joint. This ol' studio ain't heard nuthin' like you. And...uh Mr. Phillips...

# **PHILLIPS**

How ya doin', man? So you want back on Sun Records, huh?

# **ELVIS**

Sometimes, to be honest, yeah I do. Sometimes I think I was happier bumpin' around Mississippi with ol' Perkins and Johnny Cash here, splittin' twenty bucks at the end of the night...

#### **CARL**

And that was a GOOD night!

#### **PHILLIPS**

Y'know, somethin' I read aways back stayed with me all these years. It said, "Beware the curse of the answered prayer."

# **ELVIS**

(Shakes head knowingly)

Now ain't that the truth, Ruth! Hey fellas, I don't know if I ever come right out and said this before, but if it wasn't for Mistuh Phillips here, I'd still be drivin' a truck. He seen somethin' I never seen in myself. I come in here tryin' to sing them ol' Dean Martin songs, didn't I Mistuh Phillips? I really appreciate you givin' me a shot.

# **MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET - Elvis side 2**

# **PHILLIPS**

Excuse me, ma'am. I need to have a word in private with Mrs. Presley's boy.

(PHILLIPS crosses away from the group and ELVIS follows...music continues underneath)

Elvis, you're soundin' real good, son. Maybe I shouldn't have cut you loose!

# **ELVIS**

Mr. Phillips, I gotta tell you, I ain't had me a time like this, prob'ly since I left here.

#### **PHILLIPS**

Well, you're back home, son. And you're a hotshot Hollywood star now, aint'cha. Hell, everything you done this year turned to gold.

#### **ELVIS**

Well...not everything.

# **PHILLIPS**

Whatcha mean?

# **ELVIS**

Well, a few months back the Colonel booked me into Vegas opening for Shecky Greene. Told him I didn't wanna do it. Well, you know how the Colonel talks, "This Rock 'n Roll's gonna blow over real soon, boy. We need to git you in with the supper club crowd."

# **PHILLIPS**

Oh, man...

# **ELVIS**

Told him my fans were too young to even git in...Well, they hated me. Booed me off the stage every night. I swear I'll never play Vegas again.

# MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET - Elvis side 2

# **PHILLIPS**

The Colonel's an ass. He don't give a damn what you want, boy. He's jus' lookin' out for himself.

# **ELVIS**

Mr. Phillips, I would really appreciate your steppin' in and helpin' me out here. Everyone's pushing me--and pullin' at me...and...well...You always bin straight as an arrow with me. I didn't always see that but by God I see it now...I know you been talking to RCA about working with me again...

# **PHILLIPS**

Yeah...They bought you--now they want to buy me. Offerin' me a truckload of money, tellin' me I need to get out while the gettin's good. Man, they jus' don't git it. Rock 'n' Roll ain't a fad. It's a damn revolution.

RH Piano

# **Hound Dog**

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# ALL GUYS (as a solo)

**RH Piano** 

# **Blues Suede Shoes**

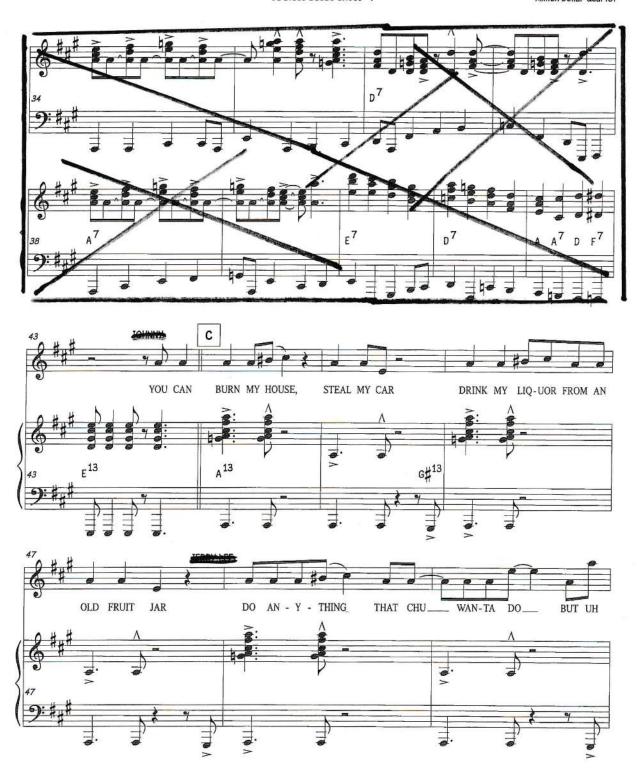
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