

Thats The Way Ive Always Heard It Should Be
Carly Simon

That s The Way I ve Always Heard It Should Be - from Carly s debut album 1971

Bm **G**
My father sits at night with no lights on

Bm **G**
His cigarette glows in the dark

Dm7
The living room is still

Cmaj7 **Am7** **G**
I walk by, no remark

Bm **G**
I tiptoe past the master bedroom where

Bm **G**
My mother reads her magazines

Bm **G**
I hear her call sweet dreams

Cmaj7 **Am7** **G**
But I forgot how to dream

F **Em**
But you say it s time we moved in together

Dm7 **Cmaj7**
And raised a family of our own, you and me

F **Em**
Well, that s the way I ve always heard it should be

D
You want to marry me, we ll marry

Bm **G**
My friends from college they re all married now

Bm **G**
They have their houses and their lawns

Dm7
They have their silent noons

Bm **G**
Tearful nights, angry dawns

Bm **G**
Their children hate them for the things they re not

Bm **G**
They hate themselves for what they are

Bm **G**
And yet they drink, they laugh

Cmaj7 **Am7** **G**
Close the wound, hide the scars

F **Em**
But you say it s time we moved in together

Dm7 **Cmaj7**
And raised a family of our own, you and me
F **Em**
Well, that s the way I ve always heard it should be
D
You want to marry me, we ll marry

Bm **G**
You say we can keep our love alive
Bm **G**
Babe, all I know is what I see
Dm7
The couples cling and claw
Cmaj7 **Am7** **G**
And drown in love s debris
Bm **G**
You say we ll soar like two birds through the clouds
Bm **G**
But soon you ll cage me on your shelf
Bm **G**
I ll never learn to be just me first
Cmaj7 **Am7** **G**
By myself

F **Em**
Well O.K., it s time we moved in together
Dm7 **Cmaj7**
And raised a family of our own, you and me
F **Em**
Well, that s the way I ve always heard it should be
D
You want to marry me, we ll marry
D
We ll marry