

Born In Puerto Rico
Paul Simon

Dm

I was born in PuertoRico,

Gm

we came here when I was a child,

A

Dm

before I reached the age of 16

Bb

A

Dm

I was runnin with the gang and we were wild

Dm

He keeps looking but he don't recognize me,

Gm

some guy from Lexington or Park

A

Dm

Red beans and rice from kitchen window,

A

Dm

it s supper time and the Barrio is dark

Bb

F

No one knows you like I do,

C Bb

F

C

nobody can know your heart the way I do

Bb

F

C

A

Dm

No one can testify to all that you've been through, but I will

Dm

I was born in Puerto Rico, and my blood is Taino,

Gm

Spanish Carribean my soul

A

Dm

We came here wearing summer clothes in winter,

A

Dm

hearts of sunshine in the cold

Bb

F

C F C

Your family rented this apartment,

Bb **C** **Bb C F**
you d watch the streetlamps from your perch

F **C**
In the sacramental hour your stepfather in black

A **Dm**
preached the fire of the Pentecostal church

Bb **F** **C**
No one knows you like I do,

Bb **F** **C**
nobody can know your heart the way I do

Bb **F** **C**
No one can testify to all that you ve

A **Dm**
been through but this will

Dm
I was born in Puerto Rico,

Gm
came here when I was a child

A
Small change and sunlight,

Dm
and I left these streets for good,

A **Dm**
my days as short as they were wild

Dm
I m Carlos Apache, Angel Soto,

Gm
Frenchy Cordero, Babu Charlie Cruz

A **Dm**
Your features blurred in ev ry grainy photo,

A **Dm**
and fading headlines of the Daily News

Dm

Wyltwyck school for crimonal children,

Gm

Auburn, Brooklyn House of D.,

A

Dannemora, Sing-Sing, Attica,

Dm

Greenhaven, 20 years inside, today you re free

Bb

F

C F C

You cannot even read your story,

Bb

C

Bb C F

the pages piling up in shame,

F

before the words released you

C

The guard would kill the light,

A

the night you took

Dm

The Capeman for your name

Bb

F

C

I was born in Puerto Rico (8x)