

Born In Puerto Rico  
Paul Simon

Dm

I was born in Puerto Rico,

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)