

The Obvious Child

Paul Simon

G

Well, I m accustomed to a smooth ride

D G D G
Or maybe I m a dog who s lost its bite

D G C F
I don t expect to be treated like a fool no more

C G D D
I don t expect to sleep through the night

D C G D G
Some people say a lie s a lie s a lie

D G C
But I say why

F C
Why deny the obvious child?

F C G
Why deny the obvious child?

D G C
And in remembering a road sign

G D C G D G C
I am remembering a girl when I was young

F C G D G
And we said These songs are true

D G
These days are ours

D G
These tears are free

D G
And hey

C F C
The cross is in the ballpark

F C G

The cross is in the ballpark

We had a lot of fun

D C

We had a lot of money

G

D C

We had a little son and we thought we d call him Sonny

D

G

Sonny gets married and moves away

C

D

G

Sonny has a baby and bills to pay

C

D

Sonny gets sunnier

G

C

D

Day by day by day by day

G

Doh, doh, doh, doh

Doh, doh, doh, doh

D

C

G

Well, I ve been waking up at sunrise

D

G

D

G

I ve been following the light across my room

D G C

F

C G D

I watch the night receive the room of my day

G

D

C

G

D

G

Some people say the sky is just the sky

D G

But I say

C

F

C

Why deny the obvious child?

F

C

Why deny the obvious child?

G C/G G

Mm-----

C/G G C G D C

Sonny sits by his window and thinks to himself

D G C G D C

How it s strange that some rooms are like cages

D G C G D

Sonny s yearbook from high school

C

Is down from the shelf

D C G D C

And he id-ly thumbs through the pages

Ab Bbm

Some have died

G

Some have fled from themselves

C G D G D G D

Or struggled from here to get there

C G C G D C

Sonny wanders beyond his interior walls

G C G D C

Runs his hand through his thinning brown hair

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D G

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C          F   C
the cross is in the ballpark
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Why deny the obvious **F C** **G** child?