

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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