

**Shouldve Kepy My Eyes Shut**  
**The Beautiful South**

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Should ve Kept My Eyes Shut  
by Paul Heaton and David Rotheray

**C Am C Am**

**C**                  **Am**  
I should ve kept my eyes shut  
                          **C**          **Am**  
But I had to go and peep  
                          **C**                  **Am**  
But when you saw what I saw  
                  **Dm**                  **G**                  **Am G**  
Well, it s hard just to roll back to sleep

I would ve kept me eyes shut  
But I thought I heard you scream  
And I ve a penchant for violence  
You don t seem to find in a dream

**F**                  **C**  
The scene a little clearer  
          **F**                  **C**  
My father with a rope  
          **F**                  **C**  
And in the cage, centre-stage  
          **Am**                                  **G**  
It s mother who s destined to choke

**Dm**                  **G**  
And she choke and we choke  
          **C**                                  **F**  
On the words that we wish we d not spoke  
**Dm**                                  **G**  
Just when you felt you had someone to trust  
**C**                                  **B**          **F**          **G**  
Up comes the man with a dagger and cloak

I should ve read the novels

Believed every word  
But the stories they wrote  
Were so different to ones that I d heard

I should ve kept my eyes shut  
My mouth should ve closed  
But the mixture of vomit and blood  
Just crept up through my nose

It became a little clearer  
As soon as I awoke  
My father stands with rope in hand  
A screaming mother kneels in hope

And she hope and we hope  
That the words that she said won t provoke  
A smile is removed and a petal is crushed  
What once was a laugh has turned into a joke

You should ve kept your mouth shut

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