

Shouldve Kepy My Eyes Shut  
The Beautiful South

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Should ve Kept My Eyes Shut  
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**C# Bbm C# Bbm**

I should ve kept my eyes shut  
                          **C#                  Bbm**  
But I had to go and peep  
                          **C#          Bbm**  
But when you saw what I saw  
                          **Ebm                  G#                  Bbm  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  
                  **Bbm                                  G#**  
It s mother who s destined to choke

**Ebm                  G#**  
And she choke and we choke  
                  **C#                                  F#**  
On the words that we wish we d not spoke  
**Ebm                                  G#**  
Just when you felt you had someone to trust  
**C#                          C                  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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