The Obvious Child

Paul Simon

I'm accustomed to a smooth ride
Or maybe I'm a dog who's lost it's bite
I don't expect to be treated like a fool no more
I don't expect to sleep through the night
Some people say a lie's a lie's a lie

But I say why

Why deny the obvious child?

Why deny the obvious child? And in remembering a road sign

I am remembering a girl when I was young

And we said these songs are true

These days are ours

These tears are free

And hey

The cross is in the ballpark

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We had a lot of fun

We had a lot of money

We had a little son and we thought we'd call him sonny

Sonny gets married and moves away

Sonny has a baby and bills to pay

Sonny gets sunnier

Day by day by day I've been waking up at sunrise

I've been following the light across my room

I watch the night receive the room of my day

Some people say the sky is just the sky

But I say

Why deny the obvious child?

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Sonny sits by his window and thinks to himself

How it's strange that some rooms are like cages

Sonny's yearbook from high school

Is down from the shelf

And he idly thumbs through the pages

Some have died

Some have fled from themselves

Or struggled from here to get there

Sonny wanders beyond his interior walls

Runs his hand through his thinning brown hairWell I'm accustomed to a smoother ride

Maybe I'm a dog that's lost his bite

I don't expect to be treated like a fool no more

I don't expect to sleep the night

Some people say a lie is just a lie

But I say the cross is in the ballpark Why deny the obvious child?

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