

## Train in the Distance

Paul Simon

She was beautiful as Southern skies  
The night he met her  
She was married to someone  
He was doggedly determined that he would get her  
He was old, he was young  
From time to time he'd tip his heart  
But each time she withdrew  
Everybody loves the sound of a train in the distance  
Everybody thinks it's true  
Well eventually the boy and the girl get married  
Sure enough they have a son  
And though they both were occupied  
With the child she carried  
Disagreements had begun  
And in a while they fell apart  
It wasn't hard to do  
Everybody loves the sound of a train in the distance  
Everybody thinks it's true  
Two disappointed believers  
Two people playing the game  
Negotiations and love songs  
Are often mistaken for one and the same  
Now the man and the woman  
Remain in contact  
Let us say it's for the child  
With disagreements about the meaning  
Of a marriage contract  
Conversations hard and wild  
But from time to time  
He makes her laugh  
She cooks a meal or two  
Everybody loves the sound of a train in the distance  
Everybody thinks it's true  
Everybody loves the sound of a train in the distance  
Everybody thinks it's true  
What is the point of this story  
What information pertains  
The thought that life could be better  
Is woven indelibly  
Into our hearts  
And our brains