Train in the Distance

Paul Simon

She was beautiful as southern skies
The night he met her
She was married to someone
Now he was doggedly determinedThat he would get her
He was old he was young
From time to time he would tip his heart
But each time she withdrewEverybody loves the sound of a train in the distance
Everybody thinks its true
Everybody loves the sound of a train in the distance
Everybody thinks its trueWell eventually the boy the girl get married
Sure enough they have a son
And although both were occupied
With the child she carried
Disagreements had begunAnd in a while it just fell apart
It wasn't hard to doEverybody loves the sound of a train in the distance
Everybody thinks its true
Everybody loves the sound of a train in the distanceTwo disappointed believers
Two people playing the game
Negotiations and love songs
Are often mistaken for one and the sameNow the man and the woman
They remain in contact
Let us say its for the child
With disagreements about
The meaning of a marriage contractConversations hard and wild
From time to time he make sher laugh
She'd cook him a meal or twoEverybody loves the sound of a train in the distance
Everybody thinks its true
Everybody loves the sound of a train in the distanceWhat 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
Like a train in the distance, train, train, train

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