

# 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 determined That he would get her  
He was old he was young  
From time to time he would tip his heart  
But each time she withdrew Everybody 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 true Well 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 begun And in a while it just fell apart  
It wasn't hard to do Everybody loves the sound of a train in the distance  
Everybody thinks its true  
Everybody loves the sound of a train in the distance 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  
They remain in contact  
Let us say its for the child  
With disagreements about  
The meaning of a marriage contract Conversations hard and wild  
From time to time he make her laugh  
She'd cook him a meal or two Everybody loves the sound of a train in the distance  
Everybody thinks its true  
Everybody loves the sound of a train in the distance 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  
Like a train in the distance, train, train, train

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