

# That's The Way I've Always Heard It Should Be

Carly Simon

My father sits at night with no lights on  
His cigarette glows in the dark  
The living room is still  
I walk by, no remark  
I tiptoe past the master bedroom where  
My mother reads her magazines  
I hear her call sweet dreams  
But I forgot how to dream But you say it's time we moved in together  
And raised a family of our own, you and me  
Well, that's the way I've always heard it should be  
You want to marry me, we'll marry My friends from college they're all married now  
They have their houses and their lawns  
They have their silent noons  
Tearful nights, angry dawns  
Their children hate them for the things they're not  
They hate themselves for what they are  
And yet they drink, they laugh  
Close the wound, hide the scar But you say it's time we moved in together  
And raised a family of our own, you and me  
Well, that's the way I've always heard it should be  
You want to marry me, we'll marry You say we can keep our love alive  
Babe all I know is what I see  
The couples cling and claw  
And drown in love's debris  
You say we'll soar like two birds through the clouds  
But soon you'll cage me on your shelf  
I'll never learn to be just me first  
By myself Well okay, it's time we moved in together  
And raised a family of our own, you and me  
Well, that's the way I've always heard it should be  
You want to marry me, we'll marry  
We'll marry

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