Film Noir

Carly Simon

Got on in New Haven

Last car on the train.

Put my hat on the seat,

Wipe the tears from my eyes. I watched my life go by,

Like a movie in my brain.

Scenes unreeling;

In a sceneless chain

On the window,

and a silver screen of rain! And the opening title scroll,

and the score comes in and under.

And I'm in the starring role,

in a world of love-struck wonder; It's a tale full of promise, about two crazy kids;

Falling in love, but in flashback. And then the music,

that gorgeous music;

And I wake up,

Rattling down the railroad track. He could be sweet,

But I stayed on my guard.

Just how good a liar

can a decent man be?I always played my hand

Like I didn't have the cards.

Cause he held them all

So I could never see.

Yes, he played me for a fool,

and I agreed. And the closing credits roll,

And the waves come in like thunder.

Cause the hero's lost control,

And I made a fatal blunder. Just another sad story;

Two star-crossed kids,

Racing headlong up a cul-de-sac. And then that music,

That mournful music.

And the train's disappearing

Down that railroad track. And the long, slow dissolve,

As we fade to black

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