Thelma (Outtake)

Paul Simon

If a baby is born and no one complains Then that's good luck, runnin' through young veins And if life is a blessing That brushes the tops of the trees Well it's a short walk, in a sweet breezeI will need you, feed you, Seed you, plead with you All for a taste of your sweet love, ThelmaIf the heart is an open memory book That was the chance I took The more I searched The more I shook for ThelmaLast night I slept on a rented pillow A silver moon above my head A thirsty dreamless sleep released me And I reached for the phone by the side of the bedNow the first time that I saw you I thought She's beautiful, but she's too young to be caught People aware of my history Trying to steer you away from me I left a message at your hotel Don't let management poison the wellI will need you, feed you, Seed you, plead with you All for a taste of your sweet love, ThelmaThe phone is ringing and I realize We are time zones and oceans apart The words I speak in the middle of my night Fall on your yesterday's heartIf the sun don't shine If the wind don't break If the clock don't jump off the wall Thelma, my darlin', I will cushion your fallI will need you, feed you, Seed you, plead with you Without the taste of your sweet love, Thelma I am only a man who skirted the edge of despair For a long time, now And I don't careI watch you sleeping in the hospital bed The baby curled up in a ball Winter sunlight hits the family tree And everything else becomes nothing at all

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