

# That Was Your Mother

[Paul Simon](#)

A long time ago, yeah before you was born dude  
When I was still single and life was great  
I held this job as a traveling salesman  
That kept me moving from state to state Well, I'm standing on the corner of Lafayette state of Louisiana  
Wondering where a city boy could go  
To get a little conversation, drink a little red wine  
Catch a little bit of those Cajun girls dancing to Zydeco Along come a young girl, she's pretty as a prayerbook  
Sweet as an apple on Christmas day  
I said good gracious can this be my luck  
If that's my prayerbook Lord let us pray Well, I'm standing on the corner of Lafayette state of Louisiana  
Wondering what a city boy could do  
To get her in a conversation, maybe drink a little red wine  
Dance to the music of Clifton Chenier the King of the Bayou Well, that was your mother and that was your father  
Before you was born dude when life was great  
You are the burden of my generation  
I sure do love you but let's get that straight Well, I'm standing on the corner of Lafayette  
Across the street from the public  
Heading down to the lone star cafe  
Maybe get a little conversation, drink a little red wine  
Standing in the shadow of Clifton Chenier dancing the night away

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