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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