

# The Obvious Child chords by Paul Simon

**G**  
Well, I'm accustomed to a smooth ride

**D G D G**  
Or maybe I'm a dog who's lost its bite

**D G C**  
**F**  
I don't expect to be treated like a fool  
no more

**C G D G**  
I don't expect to sleep through the  
night

**D C G D G**  
Some people say a lie's a lie's a lie

**D G C**  
But I say why

**F C**  
Why deny the obvious child?

**F C G**  
Why deny the obvious child?

**D G C**  
And in remembering a road sign

**G D C G D G**  
**C**  
I am remembering a girl when I was young

**F C G D G**  
And we said These songs are true

**D G**  
These days are ours

**D G**  
These tears are free

**D G**  
And hey

**C F C**  
The cross is in the ballpark

**F C G**  
The cross is in the ballpark

We had a lot of fun

We had a lot of money

**G D C**  
We had a little son and we thought we'd  
call him Sonny

**D G**  
Sonny gets married and moves away

**C D G**  
Sonny has a baby and bills to pay

**C D**  
Sonny gets sunnier

**G C D**  
Day by day by day by day

**G**  
Doh, doh, doh, doh

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**D C G**  
Well, I've been waking up at sunrise

**D G D G**  
I've been following the light across my  
room

**D G C F C G**  
**D**  
I watch the night receive the room of my  
day

**G D C G D G**  
Some people say the sky is just the sky

**D G**  
But I say

**C F C**  
Why deny the obvious child?

**F C**  
Why deny the obvious child?

**G C/G G**  
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**C/G G C G D C**



Sonny sits by his window and thinks to  
himself

D G C G D  
C

How it's strange that some rooms are like  
cages

D G C G D  
Sonny's yearbook from high school

C  
Is down from the shelf

D C G D C  
And he id-ly thumbs through the pages

G Am  
Some have died

G  
Some have fled from themselves

C G D G D G D  
Or struggled from here to get there

C G C G D C  
Sonny wanders beyond his interior walls

G C G D C  
Runs his hand through his thinning brown  
hair

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