Paul Simon, Train In The Distance

(Paul Simon)

She was beautiful as Southern skies

The night he met her

She was married to someone

He was doggedly determined that he would get her

He was old, he was young

From time to time he'd tip his heart

But each time she withdrew

Everybody loves the sound of a train in the distance

Everybody thinks it's true

Well eventually the boy and the girl get married

Sure enough they have a son

And though they both were occupied

With the child she carried

Disagreements had begun

And in a while they fell apart

It wasn't hard to do

Everybody loves the sound of a train in the distance

Everybody thinks it's true

Two disappointed believers

Two people playing the game

Negotiations and love songs

Are often mistaken for one and the same

Now the man and the woman

Remain in contact

Let us say it's for the child

With disagreements about the meaning

Of a marriage contract

Conversations hard and wild

But from time to time

He makes her laugh

She cooks a meal or two

Everybody loves the sound of a train in the distance

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Everybody loves the sound of a train in the distance

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What is the point of this story

What information pertains

The thought that life could be better

Is woven indelibly

Into our hearts

And our brains