

# Carly Simon, The Carter Family

(Carly Simon/Jacob Brackman)

The Carter family lived next door for almost 14 years  
With Gwen and I inseperatable from rag dolls through brassieres  
Then Gwen began to bore me with her giggles and her fears  
The day the Carters moved away, I had to fake my tears  
I told new friends Gwen Carter had become a silly pest  
And then I found I missed her more than I'd ever have guessed

Grandma used to nag at me to straighten up my spine  
To act respectful and read good books  
To take care of what was mine  
I hated being criticized and asking her permission  
So what if her advise was wise, It always hurt to listen  
I didn't cry when Granny died, she made me so depressed  
And then I found I missed her more than I'd ever have guessed

You used to make me moan in bed, but that can't be enough  
My friends complained your jokes were crude,  
Your manners were too rough  
Don't know just what I wanted, but I know I wanted more  
Someone smooth, presentable, to blend with my decor  
And now at night I think of how you grinned when you undressed  
And I find I miss you more than I'd ever have guessed.