

Sonny

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D	1 2 1	1 2 1	1~1 7 7 5 4 1 1 2 4 2 1
A	0 1 2	0 1 2	
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Oh, Sonny don't go away, I am here all alone your daddy's the sailor never comes

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The nights get so long, and the silence goes on, and I'm feeling so tired, I'm not all that strong.

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Sonny lives on a farm on a wide open space Kick off your shoes son, stay out of the race

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Lay down your head by the soft river bed. Sonny still can remember the words his Mama said

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Sonny works on the land though he's barely a man not much to do, he does just what he

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Sits by the window in his room by the stairs watches the waves gently wash on the pier.

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And it's a hundred miles to town,

Sonny's never been there

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A	2 2	
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And he goes to the highway

and stands there and stares

D	4 4 5 5 4 5	7 5 4 4 2 1
A		
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And the mail comes at four

and the mailman is old

D	1 1 4 4 2 4	4 2 4 4
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Oh, but he still dreams his dreams full of silver and gold

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Sonny's dreams can't be real, they're just stories he's read

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A	2~2	
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They're just stars in his eyes, they're just dreams in his head

D	4 4 5 5 4 5	7 5 4 4 2 4
A		
D		

And he's hungry inside for the wide world outside

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A	2	2 2 1
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And I know I can't hold him though I've tried and I've tried

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Many years have passed on, Sonny's old and alone

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A	2~2	
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His daddy the sailor never came home

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A		
D		

Sometimes he wonders what his life would have been

D	4 4 5 4	4 2 4 4
A		2 1
D		

But from the grave Mama still haunts his dreams

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(Songwriter: Ron Hynes; these lyrics adapted by Donal O' Shaughnessy)