

# Sonny

(Merlin)

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D	<b>1 2 1</b>	<b>1 2 1</b>	<b>1~1 6 6 5 4 1 1 2 4 2 1</b>
A	<b>0 1 2</b>	<b>0 1 2</b>	
D			

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D			

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

D	<b>5 5 4 5 6~6 4 4 5 4</b>	<b>4 4 5 4 4 2 4 4 4 2 1</b>
A		
D		

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

D	<b>6 6 5 4 1</b>	<b>1 2 4 2 1</b>
A	<b>2 2</b>	
D		

And he goes to the highway and stands there and stares

D	<b>4 4 5 5 4 5</b>	<b>6 5 4 4 2 1</b>
A		
D		

And the mail comes at four and the mailman is old

D	<b>1 1 4 4 2 4</b>	<b>4 2 4 4</b>
A		<b>2 1</b>
D		

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

D	<b>6 6 5 4</b>	<b>1 1 2 4 2 1</b>
A	<b>2~2</b>	
D		

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

D	<b>4 4 5 5 4 5</b>	<b>6 5 4 4 2 4</b>
A		
D		

And he's hungry inside for the wide world outside

D	<b>4 2 1 1 1 1</b>	<b>1 1 1</b>
A	<b>2</b>	<b>2 2 1</b>
D		

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	<b>2~2</b>	
D		

His daddy the sailor      never came home

D	<b>5 5 4 5 6</b>	<b>6 5 4 4 2 1</b>
A		
D		

Sometimes he wonders      what his life would have been

D	<b>4 4 5 4</b>	<b>4 2 4 4</b>
A		<b>2 1</b>
D		

But from the grave      Mama still haunts his dreams

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