

Simon Paul

"Time Is An Ocean"

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SAL

I speak to you in Jesus's name
As Jesus speaks through me,
The evil we do can't be blamed upon our
destiny
I have walked through the valley of
death-row to the shore
I have stumbled through silvery water to my
savior, my Salvador!

SALVADOR

It took me four years to learn
I was in prison not in church.
And two more to begin the book of my soul's
search.

SAL & SALVADOR

Time is an ocean of endless tears

SAL

A wild boy from the streets of El Barrio
An orphan from the hills of Mayagez

SALVADOR

And when I wrote my story
The words flew from the page
And my soul in solitary
Escaped its iron cage.

SAL & SALVADOR

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SAL

Mama, I got your letter today
The next time that you write I'll be
transferred far away.
I'm leaving Greenhaven's towers of stone
Where the Latin population will soon be
minus one.

SALVADOR

Time is an ocean of endless tears.

SAL

I know how hard it's been for you these many
years,
You say the Aguinaldo makes you dream of
home
Where once we strolled the beach at El
Malecon
Go back don't you worry, I am your grown-up
son.

SALVADOR

The politics of prison are a mirror of the
street.
The poor endure oppression
The police control the state.

Correctional facility

That's what they call this place
But look around and you will see
The politics of race.

SAL

A forest and a prison
Where the snow and guards are white

SALVADOR

If you want to keep your sanity
You'll teach yourself to write.

You were a child of sixteen
With a twelve-year-old mind
You came here numb and battered
By the streets I left behind

SAL

I'll take the evil in me
And turn it into good,
Though all your institutions
Never thought I could
So now I'll turn to say goodbye

SALVADOR

I'll keep your image in my eye

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I turn around to say goodbye

SALVADOR

I'll keep your image with me till the day I

die

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Lead Vocal-Marc Anthony

Lead Vocal-Ruben Blades

Acoustic Guitar-Paul Simon

Piano-Oscar Hernandez

Guitar-Steve Cropper

Guitar-Vincent Nguini

Bass-Ruben Rodriguez

Conga, Guira-Milton Cardona

Drums-Robby Ameen

Soprano Saxophone-Bobby Franceschini

Flute-Oriente Lopez

Bass Clarinet-Pablo Calogero

Trumpet-David Rodriguez

Flugel-Barry Danielian

Trombone-Ozzie Melendez

Violin-Krista Feeney

Violin-Paul Peabody Viola-Juliet Hafner Cello-Laura

Bontrager Horn Arrangement-Oriente Lopez

Orchestration-Stanley Silverman

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