# Paul Simon "Time Is An Ocean 524"

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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 Mayag $\tilde{A}\frac{1}{4}$ ez

# **SALVADOR**

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

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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

# SAL & SALVADOR

I turn around to say goodbye

# **SALVADOR**

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

die

#### SAL & SALVADOR

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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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