

## Paul Simon "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.

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Sal

A wild boy from the streets of el barrio  
An orphan from the hills of mayagüez

Salvador

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

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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

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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  
Time is an ocean of endless tears

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