

Phil Ochs "Outside of a Small Circle of Friends"

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Oh, look outside the window
There's a woman being grabbed
They've dragged her to the bushes
And now she's being stabbed

Maybe we should call the cops
And try to stop the pain
But Monopoly is so much fun
I'd hate to blow the game

And I'm sure
It wouldn't interest anybody
Outside of a small circle of friends

Ridin' down the highway
Yes, my back is gettin' stiff
Thirteen cars are piled up
They're hangin' on a cliff

Now maybe we should pull them back
With our towin' chain
But we gotta move and we might get sued
And it looks like it's gonna rain

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Sweatin' in the ghetto
With the colored and the poor
The rats have joined the babies
Who are sleepin' on the floor

Now wouldn't it be a riot
If they really blew their tops?
But they got too much already
And besides we've got the cops

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Oh, there's a dirty paper
Using sex to make a sale
The Supreme Court was so upset
They sent him off to jail

Maybe we should help the fiend
And take away his fine
But we're busy reading Playboy
And the Sunday New York Times

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Smokin' marihuana
Is more fun than drinkin' beer
But a friend of ours was captured
And they gave him thirty years

Maybe we should raise our voices
Ask somebody why
But demonstrations are a drag
Besides we're much too high

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