

Sonny's Dream

CHORUS

G
Sonny don't go away, I am here all alone,
G7 G C G
And your Daddy's a sailor, who never comes home,
D
And the nights get so long and the silence goes on
C G D
And I'm feelin' so tired, I'm not all that strong.

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Sonny lives on a farm, on a wide-open space.
G7 C G
You can take off your sneakers and give up the race.
D
You can lay down your head, by a sweet riverbed,
C G D
But Sonny always remembers what it was his Mamma said.
G
Sonny carries a load; he is barely a man.
G7 C G
There ain't a lot to do, still he does what he can.
D
And he watches the sea from a room by the stairs,
C G D
And the waves keep on rolling; they've done that for years and for years.

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It's a hundred miles to town; Sonny's never been there,
G7 C G
And he goes to the highway and stands there and stares,
D
And the mail comes at four and the mailman is old.
C G D
But he still dreams his dreams full of silver and gold.
G
Sonny's dreams can't be real, they're just stories he's read,
G7 C G
They're just stars in his eyes they're just dreams in his head;
D
And he's hungry inside, for the wide world outside
C G
And I know I can't hold him, though I've tried and I've tried and I've
D
Tried.

Many years have gone by; Sonny's old and alone,
And his daddy the sailor never came home.
Sometimes he wonders what his life might have been,
But from the grave mama still haunts his dreams.

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