

Illegal Smile

(Written and recorded by John Prine, 1971.)

(G) When I woke up this (D) morning, (C) things were lookin' (G) bad
(C) Seems like total (G) silence was the (D) only (C) friend I (G) had
(D) Bowl of oatmeal (C) tried to stare me (G) down... (C) and (G) won
And it was (D) twelve o'clock before I (C) realized that I was (G) havin'
(C) no (G) fun

But (D!) fortunately (G!) I have the key to es(C)cape re(D)ali(G)ty
³/₄ And you may (C) see me tonight with an (G) illegal smile
It don't (D) cost very much, but it (G) lasts a long while
Won't you (C) please tell the man I didn't (G) kill anyone
No I'm (D) just tryin' to (C) have me some (G) fun (C)(G) (C)(G) (C)

Last (G) time I checked my (D) bankroll, (C) it was gettin' (G) thin
Some(C)times it seems like the (G) bottom is the (D) only (C) place
I've (G) been

(D) I chased a rainbow (C) down a one-way (G) street... (C) dead (G) end
And (D) all my friends turned (C) out to be in(G)surance (C) sales(G)men

(chorus)

Well, I (G) sat down in my (D) closet (C) with all my over(G)alls
(C) Tryin' to get a(G)way from all the (D) ears in(C)side my (G) walls
(D) I dreamed the police (C) heard everything I (G) thought...
(C) what (G) then?

Well I (D) went to court and the (C) judge's name (G) was (C) Hoff(G)man

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Won't you (C) please tell the man I didn't (G) kill anyone
No I'm (D) just tryin' to (C) have me some (G) fun
(C) Well (G) done,
(C) Hot dog (G) bun,
My (C) sister's a (G) nun

