# That's the Way I've Always Heard It Should Be

**Sarah Vaughan**

My father sits at night with no lights on
His cigarette glows in the dark
The living room is still
I walk by, no remark

I tiptoe past the master bedroom where
My mother reads her magazines
I hear her call sweet dreams
But I forgot how to dream

But you say it's time we moved in together
And raised a family of our own, you and me
Well, that's the way I've always heard it should be:
You want to marry me, we'll marry

My friends from college they're all married now
They have their houses and their lawns
They have their silent noons
Tearful nights, angry dawns

Their children hate them for the things they're not
They hate themselves for what they are
And yet they drink, they laugh
Close the wound, hide the scar

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You say we can keep our love alive
Babe, all I know is what I see
The couples cling and claw
And drown in love's debris

You say we'll soar like two birds through the clouds
But soon you'll cage me on your shelf
I'll never learn to be just me first
By myself

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