ILLEGAL SMILE
By John Prine

G    D         C           G
WHEN I WOKE UP THIS MORNING, THINGS WERE LOOKIN' BAD
C       G         D         G
SEEMS LIKE TOTAL SILENCE IS THE ONLY FRIEND I HAVE
D       C         G         C       G
A BOWL OF OATMEAL TRIED TO STARE ME DOWN... AND WON
D                     C                   G      C  G
AND IT WAS TWELVE O'CLOCK BEFORE I REALIZED THAT I WAS HAVIN' NO FUN

{chorus}
D       G         C           D         G
BUT FORTUNATELY I HAVE THE KEY TO ESCAPE REALITY
(STEP UP TO)       C         G
AND YOU MAY SEE ME TONIGHT WITH AN ILLEGAL SMILE
D       G
IT DON'T COST VERY MUCH, BUT IT LASTS A LONG WHILE
(STEP UP TO)       C       G
WON'T YOU PLEASE TELL THE MAN I DIDN'T KILL ANYONE
D       C         G
NO I WAS JUST TRYIN' TO HAVE ME SOME FUN

G    D         C           G
LAST TIME I CHECKED MY BANKROLL, WELL IT WAS GETTIN' THIN
C       G         D         G
SOMETIMES IT SEEMS LIKE THE BOTTOM IS THE ONLY PLACE I'VE BEEN
D       C         G         C       G
CHASED A RAINBOW DOWN A ONE-WAY STREET... DEAD END
D                     C                   G      C  G
AND ALL MY FRIENDS TURNED OUT TO BE INSURANCE SALESMEN

{repeat chorus}

G    D         C           G
I SAT DOWN IN MY CLOSET WITH ALL MY OVERALLS
C       G         D         G
JUST TRYIN' TO GET AWAY FROM ALL THE YEARS INSIDE THESE WALLS
D       C         G         C       G
DREAMED THE POLICE HEARD EVERYTHING I THOUGHT... WHAT THEN?
D                     C                   G      C  G
WELL I WENT TO COURT AND THE JUDGE'S NAME WAS HOFFMAN

{repeat chorus}

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