

Illegal Smile chords by John Prine

[Verse]

F C Bb F
When I woke up this morning, things were lookin'
bad
Bb F C Bb F
seemed like total silence was the only friend I had
C Bb F Bb F
a bowl of oatmeal tried to stare me down... and
won
C Bb F Bb F
and it was twelve o'clock before I realized that I
was havin' no fun

[Chorus]

C F Bb C F
Ah, but fortunately I have the key to escape
reality

(Change to 3/4 time)

Bb F
and you may see me tonight with an illegal
smile

C F
it don't cost very much, but it lasts a long
while

Bb F
won't you please tell the man I didn't kill
anyone

C Bb F Bb F Bb F Bb
no I was just tryin' to have me some fun

(Change back to 4/4 time)

[Verse]

F C Bb F
last time I checked my bankroll, well it was gettin'
thin

Bb F C Bb F
sometimes it seems like the bottom is the only
place I've been

C Bb F Bb F
chased a rainbow down a one-way street... dead
end

C Bb F Bb F
and all my friends turned out to be insurance
salesmen

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[Verse]

F C Bb F
Well, I sat down in my closet with all my overalls

Bb F C Bb F
just tryin' to get away from all the ears inside the
walls

C Bb F Bb F
dreamed the police heard everything I thought...
what then?

C Bb F Bb F
well I went to court and the judge's name was
Hoffman

[Chorus]

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