

**Illegal Smile** (John Prine) Key of C (correct key)

**Intro: C**

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

**{chorus}**

**G** **C** **F G C**  
but fortunately I have the key to escape reality  
(step up) **F** **C**  
and you may see me tonight with an illegal smile  
**G** **C**  
it don't cost very much, but it lasts a long while  
(step up) **F** **C**  
won't you please tell the man I didn't kill anyone  
**G** **F** **C F C, F C, F**  
no I was just tryin' to have me some fun  
**C...**

**C** **G** **F** **C**  
last time I checked my bankroll, well it was gettin' thin  
**F** **C** **G** **C**  
sometimes it seems like the bottom is the only place I've been  
**G** **F** **C** **F C**  
chased a rainbow down a one-way street... dead end  
**G** **F** **C** **F C**  
and all my friends turned out to be insurance salesmen

**{repeat chorus}**

**G** **C** **F G C**  
but fortunately I have the key to escape reality  
step up to) **F** **C**  
and you may see me tonight with an illegal smile  
**G** **C**  
it don't cost very much, but it lasts a long while  
(step up) **F** **C**  
won't you please tell the man I didn't kill anyone  
**G** **F** **C F C, F C, F**  
no I was just tryin' to have me some fun  
**C...**

**C** **G** **F** **C**  
I sat down in my closet with all my overalls  
**F** **C** **G** **C**  
just tryin' to get away from all the years inside these walls  
**G** **F** **C** **F C**  
dreamed the police heard everything I thought... what then?  
**G** **F** **C F C**  
well I went to court and the judge's name was Hoffman

**{repeat chorus} Well Done, Hot Dog Bun, My Sister's a Nun.**

**END.**