

# Under African Skies

Paul Simon

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His path was marked  
By the stars in the Southern Hemisphere  
And he walked his days  
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In early memory  
Mission music  
Was ringing 'round my nursery door  
I said take this child, Lord  
From Tucson Arizona  
Give her the wings to fly through harmony  
And she won't bother you no more

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