

# HOW 'YA GONNA KEEP 'EM DOWN ON THE FARM (After They've Seen Paree?)

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## verse 1:

F C7  
"Reuben, Reuben, I've been thinking"  
F C7  
Said his wifey dear  
F C7  
Now that all is peaceful and calm  
Gm7 C7 F C7  
The boys will soon be back on the farm.  
F C7  
Mr. Reuben started winking  
F  
And slowly rubbed his chin  
C  
He pulled his chair up close to mother  
G7 G9 G7 C7 B7 C7  
And asked her with a grin

## chorus 1:

F C7  
How ya gonna keep 'em down on the farm  
F C7  
After they've seen Par-ee?  
F C7 Ddim Edim C  
How ya gonna keep 'em a-way from Broad-way  
G7 C7  
Jazzin' around, and paintin' the town  
F C7  
How 'ya gonna keep 'em a-way from harm,  
Gm7 A7  
That's a mys-ter - y  
F F7  
They'll never want to see a rake or a plow  
Bb Bbm6  
And who the deuce can par-ley-vous a cow?  
F C7  
How ya gonna keep 'em down on the farm  
Gm7 C7 F Fdim Gm7 C7  
After they've seen Par-ee?

**verse 2:**

F C7  
"Reuben, Reuben you're mistaken",  
F C7  
Said his wifey dear  
F C7  
Once a farmer always a jay,  
Gm7 F C7  
And Farmers always stick to the hay  
F C7  
Mother Reuben, I'm not fakin',  
F  
Tho' you may think it strange  
C  
But wine and women play the mischief  
G7 G9 G7 C7 B7 C7  
With a boy who's loose with change

**chorus 2:**

F C7  
How ya gonna keep 'em down on the farm  
F C7  
After they've seen Par-ee?  
F C7 Ddim Edim C  
How ya gonna keep 'em a-way from Broad-way  
G7 C7  
Jazzin' around, and paintin' the town

F C7  
How 'ya gonna keep 'em a-way from harm,  
C7 Gm7 A7  
That's a mys-ter - y  
F F7  
Imagine Reuben when he meets his pa  
Bb Bbm6  
He'll kiss his cheek and holler "oo-la-la"

F C7  
How ya gonna keep 'em down on the farm  
Gm7 C7 F C7 F6  
After they've seen Par-ee?