

# Andrew Bird, How You Gonna Keep 'Em Down On

Reuben, Reuben, I've been thinking  
Said his wifey dear  
Now that all is peaceful and calm  
The boys will soon be back on the farm  
Mister Reuben started winking and slowly rubbed his chin  
He pulled his chair up close to mother  
And he asked her with a grin

Chorus (sung twice after each verse):  
How ya gonna keep 'em down on the farm  
After they've seen Paree'  
How ya gonna keep 'em away from Broadway  
Jazzin around and paintin' the town  
How ya gonna keep 'em away from harm, that's a mystery  
They'll never want to see a rake or plow  
And who the deuce can parleyvous a cow?  
How ya gonna keep 'em down on the farm  
After they've seen Paree'

Rueben, Rueben, you're mistaken  
Said his wifey dear  
Once a farmer, always a jay  
And farmers always stick to the hay  
Mother Reuben, I'm not fakin  
Tho you may think it strange  
But wine and women play the mischief  
With a boy who's loose with change

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Imagine Reuben when he meets his Pa  
He'll pinch his cheek and holler "OO-LA-LA!  
How ya gonna keep 'em down on the farm  
After they've seen Paree'?