

## **Andrew Bird**

# **"How You Gonna Keep 'Em Down On The Farm"**

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Reuben, Reuben, I've been thinking  
Said his wifey dear  
Now that all is peaceful and calm  
Soon our boys will be back on the farm

Mister Reuben started winking  
And slowly rubbed his chin  
He pulled his chair up close to Mother  
Asked her with a grin

How ya gonna keep 'em down? Oh no  
How ya gonna keep 'em down? Oh no, oh no  
How ya gonna keep 'em away from Broadway  
Jazzin' around and painting the town?  
How ya gonna keep 'em away from harm?  
That's the mystery

They'll never want to see a rake or a plow  
And who the deuce can parlez vous a cow?  
And how ya gonna keep 'em down on the farm  
After they've seen Paris?

Reuben, Reuben, 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'  
Though you may think it strange  
But wine and women play the mischief  
With a boy who's loose with change

Oh, how ya gonna keep 'em down? Oh no, oh no  
Oh, how ya gonna keep 'em down?  
How ya gonna keep 'em away from Broadway  
Jazzin' around and painting the town?  
How ya gonna keep 'em away from harm?  
That's the mystery

Imagine Reuben, when he meets his pa  
He'll pinch his cheek and holler, ooh la la  
How you gonna keep 'em down on the farm

After they've seen Paris, Paris?

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