

Thats What Keeps The Rent Low Baby

Geoff Berner

Title: That s What Keeps The Rent Low, Baby

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This song is a nice little sarcastic piece about why rent is low in most cities. It s my song by Geoff Berner, so I decided to transcribe the chords for it. Since this is on the accordion, you can probably get away with playing the same chords on piano as well.

The intro is just a finger-styled version of the chords below. Be creative and it s how Geoff Berner does it ;)

Verse I:

C **F**
Hush little babe don t you cry
C **G** **C**
Please don t mind the screaming
C **F**
Of the man in the alley on the small of his back
C **G** **C**
The police man s knee is kneelin
C **F**
I ll tell you an open secret, child
C **G** **C**
Not everyone is knowin
C **F**
If that little man ever left this place
C **G** **C**
You and I would soon be goin

Chorus:

C **F**
Cuz that s what keeps the rent down, baby
C **G** **C**
That s what keeps the rent down low
C **F**
That s what keeps the rent down baby
C **G** **C**
That s what keeps the rent down low

Verse II:

C **F**
Your daddy ain t rich, he s a music man
C **G C**
Your mother she s a painter
C **F**
We took over the lease of this old house
C **G C**
From those whose hearts are fainter
C **F**
Cuz we don t mind the painted ladies
C **G C**
With their weeping souls all swollen
C **F**
We don t mind that everyone we know
C **G C**
Has had their stereo stolen

Chorus:

Cuz that s what keeps the rent down, baby
That s what keeps the rent down low
That s what keeps the rent down baby
That s what keeps the rent down low

(play verse chords for a full verse for the instrumental solo)

Verse III:

C **F**
One fine morning you wake up to
C **G C**
Bulldozers and renovation
C **F**
Cuz folks like your mom and dad
C **G C**
Are just shock troops of gentrification
C **F**
For the single young professionals
C **G C**
Who find the neighborhood hip and charming
C **F**
But if they heard about the lady who got chopped up in the alley
C **G C**
They d probably find it alarming

Chorus:

C **F**
Cuz that s what keeps the rent down, baby

C **G** **C**
That s what keeps the rent down low

C **F**
That s what keeps the rent down baby

C **G** **C**
That s what keeps the rent down low

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