

Little Boxes
Malvina Reynolds

This is a correct, easy to play version of the song. It was originally written in the key of F, but I transposed it to E.

The song is written in 3/4, so I like to play it picking the root note and then the bottom strings twice to emphasize the whimsical nature of the melody. I also tried to place the chords above the right syllable, didn't have a lot of luck struggling with the formatting though. Just remember

CAPO ON THE FIRST FRET

INTRO: E, B7 (strum and hold this note)

E **E** **A** **E**
Little boxes on the hillside, little boxes made of ticky-tacky

E **B7** **E** **B7**
Little boxes on the hillside, little boxes all the same

E **E** **A** **E**
There's a green one, and a pink one, and a blue one, and a yellow one

E **B7** **E**
And they're all made out of ticky-tacky, and they all look

E
just the same

E **E** **A** **E**
And the people in the houses, all went to the university

E **B7** **E** **B7**
Where they were put in boxes, and they came out all the same

E **E** **A** **E**
And there's doctors, and there's lawyers, and business executives

E **B7** **E**
And they're all made out of ticky-tacky, and they all look just

E
the same

E **E** **A** **E**
And they all play on the golf course, and drink their martinis dry

E **B7** **E** **B7**
And they all have pretty children, and the children go to school

E **E** **A** **E**
And the children go to summer camp, and then to the university

E **B7** **E** **E**

Where they are put in boxes, and they come out all the same

E **E** **A** **E**
And the boys go into business, and marry and raise a family

E **B7** **E** **B7**
In boxes made of ticky-tacky, and they all look just the same

E **E** **A** **E**
There s a green one, and a pink one, and a blue one, and a yellow one

E **B7** **E**
And they re all made out of ticky-tacky, and they all look just

E
the same