

Poor Mans House  
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[Intro]

**Cm7 C Cm7 C**

[Verse]

**C**

You know you ve done enough when every bone is sore

**Bb Am C**

You know you ve prayed enough when you don t ask any more

**C**

You know you re coming to some kind of understanding

**C**

When every dream you ve dreamed has passed and you re still standing **F**

[Verse]

**G Am G6/D F**

Mama says, god tends to every little skinny sheep

**G C F**

So count your ribs and say your prayers and get to sleep

**G Am G6/D F**

Nothing is louder to god s ears than a poor mans sorrow

**G F G**

Your Daddy is poor today and he will be poor tomorrow

[Chorus]

**F C G**

Hey, that s the poor man s house

**F C G**

Everybody get a look at the poor man s house

**F C G**

Everywhere they went before must have turned them out

**F Cm7 C Cm7 C**

And now they re living in a poor man s house

[Verse]

**C**

There s nothing like poverty to get you into heaven

**Bb Am C**

They ve got a lot of wine and fish up there and the bread s unleavened

**C**

They got a lot of ears that heard a whip go crack

**C**

Lots of missing toes and fingers and scars upon their backs **F**

[Verse]

**G Am G6/D F**

Daddy s been working too much for days and days and doesn t eat

**G C F**

He doesn't say much, but I think this time it's got him beat

**G** **Am** **G6/D** **F**  
It isn't that he isn't strong or kind or clever  
**G** **F** **G**  
Your daddy's poor today and he'll be poor forever

[Chorus]

**F** **C** **G**  
Hey, that's the poor man's house  
**F** **C** **G**  
Those kids are living in a poor man's house  
**F** **C** **G**  
They walk to school with the soles of their shoes worn out  
**F** **C** **F**  
And come home in the evening to a poor man's house

[Bridge]

**G**  
What are you chopping that wood for  
**F**  
Why are you growing that corn  
**G**  
Mama's sewing a brand new shirt and  
**F**  
You're wearing the one that's torn and  
**G**  
I guess it's for someone else's kid who wasn't born  
**C** **F**  
In a poor man's \_\_\_ house  
**C** **F** **G**  
A poor man's house

[Chorus]

**F** **C** **G**  
Hey, take a look at that house  
**F** **C** **G**  
Everybody, we're living in a poor man's house  
**F** **C** **G**  
Seems like everywhere we go, they find us out  
**F** **Cm7** **C** **Cm7** **C**  
Find out we've been living in a poor man's house