166 - How You Gonna Keep 'Em Down On The Farm

Verse 1

"**Reu**ben, *(quick)*Reuben, **I've** been
*(quick)*thinking" **said** his **wi**fey **dear**

"**Now** that **all** is **peace**ful and calm, The **boys**
will **soon** be **back** on the farm"

Mister *(quick)*Reuben, **start**ed *(quick)*winking,
and **slow**ly **rub**bed his **chin**

He **pul**led his **chair** up **close** to mother and he
asked her **with** a **grin**:

Chorus 1

"**How**'ya gonna **keep** 'em **down** on the farm
after they've seen Pa**ree**?

How'ya gonna **keep** 'em a-**way** from **Broad**way

Jazzin' aroun' and **pain**ting the town?

How'ya gonna **keep** 'em a-**way** from **harm**?
That's a *(quick)*mys-ter--**y**

^ They'll never **want** to see a **rake** or plow

^ And who the **deuce** can parley-**vous** a cow

How'ya gonna **keep** 'em **down** on the farm **af**ter
they've seen Pa**ree**?

Verse 2

"**Reu**ben, *(quick)*Reuben, **you're** *(quick)*mistaken"
said his **wi**fey **dear**

"**Once** a **farm**er **al**ways a jay, and **farm**ers
always **stick** to the hay"

Mother *(quick)*Reuben, **I'm** not *(quick)*fakin'
Though **you** may **think** it **strange**

But **wine** and **wom**en **play** the mischief with a
boy who's **loose** with **change**"

Chorus 2

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^ Imagine **Reu**ben when he **meets** his pa

^ He'll kiss his **cheek** and holler "**oo**-la-la!"

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Chorus 1 repeat

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cow*(quick)*-ow-ow-How'ya…

…gonna **keep** 'em **down** on the farm

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