

Who Will Feed The People
Tom Paxton

Capo 4th fret

(Amin) (Dmin) (G) (C) (Amin) (Dmin) (G) (C) (hold)
If they (C)take away my (Dmin)farm,
If they (G)pull me off the (C)plough,
Tell me, (Amin)who will feed the (Dmin)people?
Hell, the (G)banker dont know (C)how.
Its all (Amin)pages in a (Dmin)mystery
That hell (G)never under(C)stand,
Tell me, (Amin)who will feed the (Dmin)people
If they (G)put me off my (C)land?

If theyre calling all my (Dmin)loans,
If they (G)call the auctio(C)neer,
Tell me, (Amin)who will bring the (Dmin)crops in
With no (G)farm folks living (C)here?
Will the (Amin)banker run the (Dmin)combine,
Will the (G)agent bail the (C)hay?
Tell me, (Amin)who will feed the (Dmin)people
If they (G)take my farm a(C)way?

When my great-granddaddy Jakob, ninety-(F)seven years ago,
Broke the (G)sod behind two oxen, broke his back to make it grow.
Taught his (C)sons by his e(Dmin)xample, as they (G)taught their sons in
(C)turn,
What this (Amin)topsoil had to teach him, great-grand(D)daddy tried to
(G)learn. (G7) (hold)

If they (C)put us on the (Dmin)road,
If they (G)tell us we must (C)go,
Who will (Amin)come to take our (Dmin)places,
Wholl know (G)half the things we (C)know?
Wholl know (Amin)every inch of (Dmin)topsoil,
As it (G)trickles through the (C)hand?
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- Instrumental verse -

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