

I'm a farmer

(song for 2014 - International Year of Family Farming)

Verse 1

G **C** **D**
 I'm a farmer - I work the land because I can,
G **C** **D7**
 I have an instinct - drives me to be who I am,
C **D** **C** **D**
 I feel the soil - hear the wind - Listen to the rain when it sings,
C **D** **C** **D**
 know the fire when it burns - the drought when it stings,
G **C** **D** **G** **C** **D** **G** **C** **G**
 I'm a farmer - the keeper of the land.

Verse 2

G **C** **D**
 I'm a farmer - my family's always been on the land,
G **C** **D7**
 We pass the secrets - to one another - hand to hand,
C **D** **C** **D**
 Like the earliest of my ancestors - I keep the land alive,
C **D** **C** **D**
 I don't want it to die - I want it to survive,
G **C** **D** **G** **C** **D** **G** **C** **G**
 I'm a farmer - the keeper of the land.

Bridge

Am **G**
 Down in the city - you don't see me as I am,
Am **G**
 I'm the food on your table - even though you give a damn,
Am **G**
 Simple gifts of nature - rainbow cross the sky,
Am **G**
 Can we stop for a moment - wipe the tear from your eye.

Key change**F G C****Verse 3**

C **F** **G**
 Cause I'm a farmer - I make my living off the land,
C **F** **G** **G7**
 Good times - bad times - they make me what I am,
F **G** **F** **G**
 When the cattle die - creek runs dry, It hurts - it makes me cry,
F **G** **F** **G**
 But I'm a man who doesn't show it, if I didn't say it you wouldn't know it
C **F** **G** **C**
 I'm a farmer - the keeper of the the land.

Key change**F G C G C D C D****Return and finish Verse 1**