

PINK HOUSES – John Mellancamp (G)

INTRO GUITAR RIFF: G-C-G (4 TIMES)

G
There's a black man with a black cat living in a black neighborhood.
G He's got an interstate running through his front yard, you know he thinks he's got it so good **F-C** **G**
G
And there's a woman in the kitchen cleaning up the evening slop.
F **C** **G**
And he looks at her and says, "Hey darlin', I can remember when you could stop a clock."

G **C** **G**
CHORUS: Oh but ain't that America for you and me
C **G**
Ain't that America something to see, baby
C **D**
Aint that America, home of the free
C **C7** **G-C-G, G-C-G**
Little pink houses for you and me (Enter Drums)

G
Well there's a young man in a tee-shirt, listening to a rockin' rollin' station
G He's got greasy hair and a greasy smile he says, "Lord this must be my destination" **F-C** **G**
G
Cause they told me when I was younger, said "Boy you're gonna be president"
F **C** **G**
But just like everything else those old crazy dreams, just kinda came and went

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Little pink houses for you and me, Oh, baby, for you and me

BRIDGE: ALL INSTRUMENTAL (F - C - G 4 TIMES)

G (quietly)
Well there's people and more people what do they know, know, know
F **C** **G**
Go to work in some high rise and vacation down at the Gulf of Mexico, oo-yeh
G
And there's winners and there's losers, but they aint no big deal
F (strum once) **C (strum once)** **G (strum once)**
Because the simple man baby pays for the thrills, the bills, the pills that kill

CHORUS: (REPEAT 1st CHORUS TWICE, NO GUITAR RIFF IN BETWEEN)

EXIT GUITAR RIFF: (SAME AS INTRO GUITAR RIFF, ENDING ON SUSTAINED G)