

Little Condos

(From "Little Boxes," Malvina Reynolds; New lyrics by ET and the Boy)

Chords (verse 1): G – C – | G C G D | G – C – | G D – G |
Chords (verse 2): A – D – | A D A E | A – D – | A E – A |
Chords (verse 3): am – D am | am E am E | am – D am | am E am E |
Chords (bridge): A – D – | A D E7 – |
Chords (verse 4): am – D am | am E am E | A – D – | A E – A |

Little condos on the waterfront
Little condos in the Pearl District
Little condos in Albina
They're still condos, just the same
There's a chic one and a spendy one
And a transit-centered, eco-friendly one
But they're all targeted at rich folks
'Cause they're all playing the game.

And the people in the condos
They're just people like the rest of us
Making choices in their budgets
Compromising, don't we all.
Want a nice place that's convenient
To a nice interesting neighborhood.
So developers line their pockets
While the poor folks take the fall.

With the sale of every condo
Prices rising in the neighborhood.
With the opening of every shoe shop
Rent's increasing: there's a link.
Pricing out the working people
Who have grown up in the neighborhood
And they're pushed out to the suburbs.
It's ironic, don't you think?

Bridge:

Gentrification, on the ancient land we stole
At the end of the day it's just another way that the rich maintain control

So when there's housing built in Portland
It should surely be affordable
To the very working people
Who make the city work at all.
And especially when the public
Subsidizes new development
Let's insist that it be development
That will benefit one and all.