

The turkey's on the table by Andy French

(Based on *The Cats in the Cradle* by Ugly Kid Joe)

All chords relative to Capo fret 1

Intro: D+ D C G F D

D F
Christmas just a day away
G D
I've prepared all the food just like Delia says
D F
But there are presents to wrap and a bird to weigh
G D
I wish it all came on a plastic tray
C
But Christmas dinner is a mission
(pause)
You're not allowed to cheat
F D
On Boxing Day you can be glad
F D
All your meals, you can reheat

CHORUS:

D (sing on same note!) C
The turkey's on the table with a gravy spoon
F G
You've slaved in the kitchen from breakfast till noon
D
When's Auntie coming round?
C
Who knows when!
F D
You'll put the sprouts on then
F D
We'll all have a big feast then
D F
Well just gone six and long after the Queen
G D
Emerged from the kitchen an exotic terrine
D F
It was tasty I guess but not as fresh as it seemed
G D
We took turns visiting the house latrine
C
But after throwing up my Gran smiled and she said
F D
At least we'll fit more in, son
F D
Otherwise you'll be too slim

CHORUS

D F
At last came the turkey in a silver tray
G D
It weighed twenty pounds and tasted ok
D F
It was served with roast veg, greens and cranberry sauce
G D
And a strange kind of stuffing that might have been horse
C
But what bothered me was the plasticky taste
F D
The giblet bag was still in place
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CHORUS

D F
It's long after dark, we're, still at the scene
G D
There's pudding to come served with custard or cream
D F
It arrives at the table in a brandy blaze
G D
Auntie stares at it through a drunken haze
C
And we all pull crackers and wear paper hats
F D
And raise a glass in festive cheers, cheers!
F D
We'll do it all again next year
C C
And as I washed the dishes it occurred to me
F D
Next year we'll eat at Auntie's
F D
The cook isn't gonna be me

CHORUS x 2

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