

Birdhouse In Your Soul

Words & Music:
They Might Be Giants

Correspondent & They Might Be Giants aficionado Johnny Chimpo noted that this song is actually in C (not B) and graciously provided the correct chords.

C F Eb F
I'm your only friend - I'm not your only friend - but I'm a little
Bb Eb Db G
Glowing friend - but, really, I'm not actually your friend - but I am...

CHORUS:

C C/E F G Am C/B
Blue canary in the outlet by the light switch, who watches over you?
C C/B Am F Eb
Make a little birdhouse in your soul.
Eb Ab Eb Ab
Not to put too fine a point on it - say I'm the only bee in your bonnet.
Eb Cm Ab G C F C F
Make a little birdhouse in your soul.

C F C F
I have a secret to tell from my electrical well.
C C/B C F G
It's a simple message and I'm leaving out the whistles and bells.
So, the room must listen to me, filibuster vigilantly.
My name is blue canary - one note spelled "l-i-t-e".
Am F D7/F# F G
My story's infinite, like the Longines Symphonette, it doesn't rest.

CHORUS:

INSTRUMENTAL BRIDGE:

Am F D7/F# F Am F D7/F# F
F#m D B7 D E D C#m B

A D C D
I'm your only friend - I'm not your only friend - but I'm a little
G C Bb G
Glowing friend - but, really, I'm not actually your friend - but I am...

There's a picture opposite me of my primitive ancestry
Which stood on rocky shores and kept the beaches shipwreck free.
Though I respect that a lot, I'd be fired if that were my job.
After killing Jason off and countless screaming Argonauts.
Bluebird of friendliness - like guardian angels it's always near

CHORUS:

Blue canary in the outlet by the light switch, who watches over you?
Make a little birdhouse in your soul.
Not to put too fine a point on it - say I'm the only bee in your bonnet
- make a little birdhouse in your soul.

A D

And while you're at it,

A D A E F#m E

Leave the night light on inside the birdhouse in your soul.

Not to put too fine a point on it - say I'm the only bee in your bonnet.

Make a little birdhouse in your soul.

FINAL CHORUS: *[both regular & parenthetical lines are sung together]*
Blue canary in the outlet by the light switch *(And while you're at it,)*
Who watches over you? *(Leave the night light on inside...)*
Make a little birdhouse in your soul. *(...the birdhouse in your soul.)*
Not to put too fine a point on it - say I'm the only bee in your bonnet.
Make a little birdhouse in your soul.

FINAL CHORUS: *[2x with both parts]*

A D A