

# MASTER OF THE HOUSE

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Moderato (♩ = 80)

Am9

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Wel-come, M - 'sieur Sit your - self down And meet the best Inn -  
En - ter, M - 'sieur Lay down yer load Un - lace yer boots And

E7

keep-er in town.  
rest from the road.

As for the rest,  
This weighs a ton

All of them crooks,  
Tra-vel's a curse

Am9

Rook-ing the guests And cook - ing the books. —  
But here we strive To light - en your purse. —

Dm9

Am9

Sel - dom do you see \_\_\_\_\_  
Here the goose is cooked \_\_\_\_\_

Hon - est men like me \_\_\_\_\_  
Here the fat is fried \_\_\_\_\_  
A  
And

B7

E

F#m

E7

gent of good in - tent  
no - thing's ov - er - looked

Who's con - tent  
Till I'm sa - tis -

to be  
fied...

A

*mf*

Ma - ster of the House  
Food be - yond com - pare

Do - ling out the charm  
Food be - yond be - lief

Rea - dy with a hand - shake And an o - pen palm  
Mix it in a min - cer And pre - tend it's beef.

*mf*

B7

Tells a sauc - y tale  
Kid - ney of a horse

Makes a lit - tle stir  
Li - ver of a cat

Cust - om - ers ap - pre - ci - ate a bon - vi - veur!  
Fill - ing up the sau - sa - ges With this and that!

E

Glad to do my friends a fa-vour — Does-n't cost me to be nice but  
Re-si-dents are more than wel - come — Bri-dal suite is oc - cu-pied! —

A

no-thing gets you no-thing Ev - 'ry-thing has got a lit-tle price! —  
Rea-son - a - ble charg - es Plus — some lit - tle ex - tra on the side! —

Mas-ter of the House Charge 'em for the lice Keep-er of the zoo Ex-tra for the mice Rea-dy to re-lieve them of a Two per-cent for look-ing in the

sou, or two. mir-ror twice! Wa-ter-ing the wine Here a lit-tle slice Ma-king up the weight There a lit-tle cut Pick-ing up their knick-knacks When they Three per-cent for sleep-ing with the

B7

E

C#

can't see straight  
win-dow shut!

Eve - ry - bo - dy loves a land - lord  
When it comes to fix - ing pri - ces

Eve - ry - bo - dy's bo - som friend -  
There are lots of tricks he knows -

F#m

F#m/E

On repeat only  
D

E7

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How it all in - crea - ses All them bits and pie - ces Je -

1st time only

D

E7

A

do what - ev - er plea - ses Je - sus! don't I bleed 'em in the end!  
sus! It's a - maz - ing how it grows!

CHORUS

Ma - ster of the House Quick to catch yer eye Ne - ver wants a pass - er by To pass him by.

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Ser - vant to the poor But - ler to the great Com - for - ter, phil - os - o - pher And

life - long mate! Eve - ry - bo - dy's boon com - pan - ion

B7 E

Eve - ry - bo - dy's cha - pe - rone. — But lock up your va - li - ses Je -  
Gives 'em eve - ry - thing he's got. — Dir - ty bunch of gee - zers Je -

C# F#m F#m/E D E7

1. A 2. A  
- sus! Won't I skin yer to the bone!  
- sus! What a sor - ry lit - tle lot!