

# A LITTLE BITTY TEAR

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Intro: 1,2/1234 C F C G7 C (Chords in last 2 lines of chorus)

*C G7*  
*A little bitty tear let me down,*  
*C*  
*Spoiled my act as a clown.*  
*C F*  
*I had it made up not to make a frown,*  
*C G7 C G7*  
*But a little bitty tear let me down.*

*C G7*  
1. When you said you were leaving tomorrow,  
*C*  
That today was our last day,  
*F*  
I said there'd be no sorrow,  
*C G7 C G7*  
That I'd laugh when you walked away... but

*C G7*  
*A little bitty tear let me down,*  
*C*  
*Spoiled my act as a clown.*  
*C F*  
*I had it made up not to make a frown,*  
*C G7 C G7*  
*But a little bitty tear let me down.*

**INSTRUMENTAL:** C F C G7 C G7 (chords in last 2 lines of chorus as above)

*C G7*  
2. I said I'd laugh when you left me,  
*C*  
Pull a funny as you went out the door,  
*F*  
That I'd have another one waitin',  
*C G7 C G7*  
I'd wave good-bye as you go... but

*C* *G7*  
*A little bitty tear let me down,*

*C*  
*Spoiled my act as a clown.*

*C* *F*  
*I had it made up not to make a frown,*  
*C G7 C G7*  
*But a little bitty tear let me down.*

**INSTRUMENTAL:** *C F C G7 C G7*

*C* *G7*  
3. *Everything went like I planned it,*

*C*  
*And I really put on quite a show.*

*F*  
*In my heart, I felt I could stand it,*

*C G7 C G7*  
*'Til you walked with your grip through the door... then ...*

*C* *G7*  
*A little bitty tear let me down,*

*C*  
*Spoiled my act as a clown.*

*F*  
*I had it made up not to make a frown,*  
*C G7 C F*  
*Oh, but a little bitty tear let me down.*

*C G7 C F*  
*A little bitty tear let me down.*

*C G7 C G7 C*  
*A little bitty tear let me down.*



