

Tears of a clown [\(Listen to midi\)](#)

C - F - Bb - F C - F - Bb

Oh yeah, yeah yeah !

F C F Bb

1. Now, if there's a smile upon my face,

F C F Bb

it's only there tryin' to fool the public.

F C F Bb

But when it comes down to foolin' you,

F C F Bb

now, honey, that's quite a different subject.

F C F Bb - F C F Bb

Don't let my glad expression give you the wrong impression,

F C F Bb F C F

baby I'm sad (sad, sad), so much sadder than sad (sad).

Bb F C F

You're gone and I'm hurtin' so bad (sad),

Bb F C F Bb F

like a clown I appear to be glad (sad, sad, sad),

G E

Now, there's some sad things known to man,

Am F

but ain't too much sadder than

----- C

the tears of a clown, when there's no one around.

C - F - Bb - F C - F - Bb

Oh yeah, baby!

F C F Bb

2. Now if I appear to be carefree,

F C F Bb

it's only to camouflage my sadness,

F C F Bb

and honey to shield my pride, I try,
 F C F Bb
 to cover this hurt with a show of gladness.

F C F Bb
 But don't let my show convince you,
 F C F Bb
 that I've been happy since you
 F C - F Bb F C
 decided to go, oh, and I need you so !
 F Bb F C
 Look, I'm hurt and I want you to know :
 F Bb F C - F - Bb - F
 For others I put on a show !

G E
Now, there's some sad things known to man,
 Am F
but ain't too much sadder than
 ----- C
the tears of a clown, when there's no one around.

C F Bb F - C F Bb F
 Just like Pagliacci did, I try to keep my surface hid
 C F Bb - F C F Bb
 Smiling in the crowd, I try, but in a lonely room I cry
 F C
 the tears of a clown, when there's no one around.

C - F - Bb - F C - F - Bb
 Oh yeah, baby!

F C F Bb

Now if there's a smile upon my face,

F C F Bb - F C F Bb
 don't let my glad expression give you the wrong impression,

F C F Bb - F C F Bb
 Don't let this smile I wear make you think that I don't care,

F C - F - Bb
 cos really I'm sad.....

(orig. = capo 1st) (Smokey Robinson & The Miracles)