

Baby, Kaa Fo

WITH ZUMMY · GHANA

KEY: C

~68 BPM

GUITAR & PIANO

PLAY IT

Chords & Lyrics

Verse 1

C F C

Baby, kaa fo,

F C G7

Mgbe o mami e te?

(Baby, don't cry — where has your mother gone?)

C F C

Baby, baby, don't you cry,

F C G7

Mother's gone to the fields nearby.

Verse 2

C F C

E shi mi akpakpa,

F C G7

Kɛ o mami ba, ma kɛɛ lɛ.

(She left me a pawpaw — when your mother comes back, I'll tell her.)

C F C

She left a pawpaw sweet for you,

F C G7

Soon she'll come back, that is true.

GOOD TO KNOW

Baby, Kaa Fo ("baby, don't cry") is one of the most loved lullabies among the Ga people of coastal Ghana. As a caregiver rocks the child gently, the song explains that mother has gone to the farm and left a sweet pawpaw behind.

Traditional Ga lullaby, passed down through oral tradition. English lines are a singable adaptation for this arrangement, not a literal translation.