

Leader of the Band

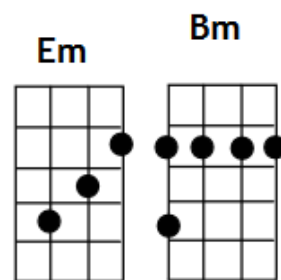
Note: C/G = C

[Intro]

G7 C Am Em D G C/G G C/G G C/G G

[Verse]

G C/G G Bm C
An only child alone and wild, a cabinet maker's son
Am Em Am C D
His hands were meant for different work and his heart was known to none
G C/G G Bm C
He left his home and went his lone and solitary way
Am Em Am D7 G C/G G C/G G C/G G
And he gave to me a gift I know I never can repay
G C/G G Bm C
A quiet man of music, denied a simpler fate
Am Em Am C D
He tried to be a soldier once but his music wouldn't wait
G C/G G Bm C
He earned his love through discipline, a thund'ring velvet hand
Am Em Am D7 G
His gentle means of sculpting souls took me years to understand



[Chorus]

C Bm C G
The leader of the band is tired and his eyes are growing old
Am Em Am F D
But his blood runs through my instrument and his song is in my soul
C Bm C G
My life has been a poor attempt to imitate the man
Am Em Am C G
I'm just a living legacy to the leader of the band
G C/G G Bm C
My brothers' lives were different for they heard another call
Am Em Am C D
One went to Chicago, the other to St Paul
G C/G G Bm C
And I'm in Colorado when I'm not in some hotel
Am Em Am D7 G C/G G
Living out this life I chose and come to know so well

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[Outro]

Am Em Am C D G
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C/G G C/G G C/G G G7 C Am Em D7 G