

**Toy Soldiers**  
**Carbon Leaf**

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Intro: **D** (Alternate Strum) **Am** 2x **C** 2x **G** 2x

Verse Pattern (Same for all verses):

**Am** 2x **C** 2x **G** 2x **D** (Alternate Strum into next phrase)

Give it a listen for the singing/playing cues. Note the F in the chorus could easily be a C, making this a total novice song. When you progress to bar chords, the F is an interesting switch.

Intro 2x

**Am** **C** **G** **D**  
Today I strike out on my own  
The dog is dead the kids have grown  
I fell asleep in my writing chair  
I dreamt I found my childhood stare  
To family dinner Christmas night  
We'd cross the river shipyard lights  
Before the heartbreak and unknown  
Tonight I strike out on my own

Chorus:

**D** **Am** **F**  
Hi-diddley-o didn't ya know?  
**G** **D** --(Note: All downstrokes)  
You fade once you glow  
**Am** **C**  
Didn't ya know child?  
**G** **D**  
After the rhyme high time  
**D** **Am** **F**  
Diddley-o didn't ya know?  
**G** **D** --(Note: All downstrokes)  
You fade once you glow  
**Am** **C**  
Didn't ya know child?  
**G** **D** (Back into alt strumming)  
After the rhyme high time

Intro 1x

The families gather but we re all  
Mere shadows in this banquet hall  
I m begging mom will you understand  
I m begging dad will you hold her hand  
To play outside was all I d known  
And Christmas lights on every home

Chorus \*Last phrase changes to:

(C)            G            D    Am    G

G D (Into alternate strumming)

After the rhyme it s high time

Intro 1x (Gradually play softer)

We find the people of our dreams  
We find that they re not what they seem  
I ve learned that people come and go  
I ve learned that families break and grow (Get louder!)  
Toy soldiers brave away those tears  
Toy soldiers hope for better years (Louder!)  
Today I strike out on my own  
The dog is dead we kids have grown

Chorus \*Original end phrase

End phrase 2x