

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