

**Leader Of The Band**  
**Dan Fogelberg**

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  
**. 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 lea--der of-- the band  
**.(C/G) G (C/G) G (C/G) G**

**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  
**. G7 C Am Em D7 G (C/G) G (C/G) G (C/G) G**  
(no lyrics)

**G (C/G) G Bm C**  
I thank you for the music and your stories of the road  
**Am Em Am C D**  
I thank you for the freedom when it came my time to go  
**G (C/G) G Bm C**  
I thank you for the kindness and the times when you got tough  
**Am Em Am D7 G**  
And papa I don t think I said I love you near enough.  
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(Chorus followed by ending: )

. **Am** **Em** **Am** **C** **D** **G**  
 . I am the living legacy to the leader of the band  
 . (C/G) G (C/G) G (C/G) G G7 C Am Em D7 G  
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