

Leader Of The Band
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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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