

Orphans Of Wealth
Don McLean

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Tuning:EADGBE, Capo on 1st fret

note: he uses a lot of little fills, but they are easy to figure out when you listen to the recording. The main ones are: on the G chord that ends the chorus and every second line in the verse he plays something on the low E string like: |-0--2--0-| and he plays an F# note between the G and Em chords in the verse and chorus. Before the Final G in the outro he plays: A--3--2--0-|

intro:

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e|-----3-----|
B|-----3-----|
G|-----0-----|
D|-----0-----|
A|-----0--2--3--2-----0--2--3-----|
E|---3-----3-----|
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      G          D          G          Em
There is no time to discuss or debate
          C          D          G
What is right, what is wrong for our people
      G          D          G          Em
Time has run out for all those who wait
          C          D          G
With bent limbs and minds that are feeble
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Chorus:

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G          Em          C          D
And the rain falls and blows through their window
G          Em          C          D
And the snow falls and blows through their door
G          Em          C          D
And the seasons revolve mid their sounds of starvation
G          Em          C          G
When the tides rise, they cover the floor
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G **D** **G** **Em**
And they come from the north and they come from the south
C **D** **G**
And they come from the hills and they valleys
G **D** **G** **Em**
And they re migrants and farmers and miners and humans
C **D** **G**
Our census neglected to tally

chorus

G **D** **G** **Em**
And they re African, Mexican, Caucasian, Indian
C **D** **G**
Hungry and hopeless Americans
G **D** **G** **Em**
The orphans of wealth and of adequate health
C **D** **G**
Disowned by this nation they live in

G **D** **G** **Em**
And with weather-worn hands On bread lines they stand
C **D** **G**
Yet but one more degradation
G **D** **G** **Em**
Yes, and they re treated like tramps While we sell them food stamps
C **D** **G**
This thriving and prosperous nation

Chorus

G **D** **G** **Em**
And with roaches and rickets and rats in the thickets
C **D** **G**
Infested, diseased, and decaying
G **D** **G** **Em**
With rags and no shoes and skin sores that ooze
C **D** **G**
By the poisonous pools they are playing

G **D** **G** **Em**
In shacks of two rooms that are rotting wood tombs
C **D** **G**
With corpses breathing inside them
G **D** **G** **Em**

Yes, and we pity their plight as they call in the night

C D G

And we do all that we can do to hide them

outro:

G Em C D

And the rain falls and blows through their window

G Em C D

And the snow falls in white drifts that fall

G Em C D

and the tides rise, with floods in the nursery

G Em
and a child is crying

C D
hes hungry and cold

C D
his life has been sold

C D
his young face looks old

C D G
its the face of america dying

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