

**Immigrant Eyes**  
**Guy Clark**

Immigrant Eyes (Key Bb Capo 3rd Fret) Guy Clark

G 2 3 C 2 3 G 2 3 C 2 3

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**G**

Old Ellis Island was swarming,

**C** **Am**

Like a scene from a costume ball,

**D7**

Decked out in the colors of Europe,

**C** **D7** **G**

On fire with the hope of it all,

**G**

There my father s own father stood huddled

**C** **Am**

With the tired and the hungry and scared,

**D7**

The turn of the century pilgrims,

**C** **D7** **G**

Bound by the dream that they shared 2 3 1 2

**G**

They were standing in line just like cattle,

**C** **Am**

They were poked and sorted and shoved;

**D7**

Some were one desk away from sweet freedom;

**C** **D7** **G**

Some were torn from someone they loved.

**G**

Through this sprawling tower of Babel

**C** **Am**

Came a young man confused and a-lone

**D7**

De-termined and bound for America;

**C** **D7** **G**

Carrying every-thing that he owned 2 3 1 2

Chorus

**C** **G**

Some-times when I look in my grandfather s immigrant eyes

**D7** **G**

I see that day reflected and I can t hold my feelings in-side

**C** **G**

I see starting with nothing and working hard all of his life

**D7** **C** **D7** **G**

Don t take it for granted say Grandfather s immigrant eyes 2 3 1 2 3

G 2 3 G 2 3 G 2 3 G 2 3 C 2 3 C 2 3 Am 2 3 Am 2 3

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**G**

Now he rocks and he stares out the window

**C**

**Am**

But his eyes are still just as clear

**D7**

As the day he sailed into the harbor

**C**

**G**

To land on the island of tears

**G**

My grandfather s days they are numbered

**C**

**Am**

But I won t let his memory die

**D7**

For he gave me the gift of this country

**C**

**D7**

And the look in his immigrant eyes 2 3 1 2

Chorus

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**G**

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