

Be Prepared
Tom Lehrer

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G **C**
Be prepared, that s the Boy Scouts marching song
G7
Be prepared, as through life you march along
C **E7** **A7**
Be prepared to hold your liquor fairly well
D7 **G7**
Don t write naughty words on walls if you can t spell
C
Be prepared to hide that pack of cigarettes
G7
Don t make book -- if you cannot cover bets
C **C7** **F**
C7 **F**
Keep those reefers hidden where you re sure they will not be found
Cm **D** **A7/D** **D7** **G** **D7**
G
And be careful not to smoke them when the scoutmaster s around
G7 **C** **F** **D7** **Fm6**
For he only will insist that they be shared
G7 **C** **F** **C** **F** **C** **G7**
Be prepared
G
Be prepared,
G7
That s the Boy-Scouts solemn creed
Be prepared...
G7
And be clean in word and deed!
C **E7** **A7**
Don t solicit for your sister, that s not nice...
D7 **G7**
Unless you get a good percentage of her price!
C
Be prepared,
C
And be careful not to do your good deed;
G7
When there s no-one watching you
C **C7** **F** **C7** **F**
And you re looking for adventure of a new and different kind...
Cm **D** **A7/D** **D7** **G** **D7** **G**

And you come across a Girl-Scout who is similarly inclined

G7 **C** **F** **D7** **Fm6**

Don t be nervous; don t be flustered; don t be scared

G7 **C** **F** **C** **F** **C** **G7**

Be prepared!

Hmmmm... try converting to Times New Roman (10) for the first verse and Arial (10) for the rest of them to put the chords in the right place (I think!) Since someone was kind enough to respond to my request for Tom Lehrer songs even though my request was on an inappropriate site, I thought the least I could do in return is to post them here.

I should perhaps say that as this song was originally written for piano it may not really transpose very well onto guitar... as is in fact suggested by my own primitive preliminary attempts at a guitar-accompanied rendition, which were not entirely encouraging... But you may be a better guitarist than me, so here it is anyway! Good luck!