

**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**  
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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**

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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!