Leader of the Band

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(Capo on first fret to Follow Recording)

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Intro: G C Am Em D G (C/G) G (C/G) G (C/G) G

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

Chorus:
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 D 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

Solo Horn
G, C, Am, Em, D7 G (C/G) G (C/G) G (C/G) G

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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I'm just the living legacy to the leader of the band
Am Em Am D G (C/G) G (C/G) G (C/G) G
I am the living legacy to the lead er of the band

(ending:)
G C Am Em D7 G