

# 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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(ending: )

G C Am Em D7 G