

Leader of the Band

Key of G

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Verse 1:

G **C/G** **G** **Bm** **C**
An only child alone and wild, a cabinet maker's son
Am **Em**
His hands were meant for different work and
Am **C** **D**
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** **D** **G** **C** **G** **G**
And he gave to me a gift I know I never can repay

Verse 2:

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**
He earned his love through discipline, a thund'ring velvet
C
hand
Am **Em** **Am**
His gentle means of sculpting souls took me years to
D7 **G**
understand

Chorus:

C **Bm** **C**
The leader of the band is tired and his eyes are growing
G
old
Am **Em**
But his blood runs through my instrument
Am **F** **D**
and his song is in my so-oul
C **Bm** **C** **G**
My life has been a poor attempt, to imitate the man
Am **Em** **Am** **C** **G** **C/G** **G** **G**
I'm just a living legacy to the leader of the band
G

Verse 3:

G **C/G** **G** **Bm**
My brothers' lives were different for they heard another
C
call
Am **Em** **Am** **C** **D**
One went to Chicago, and 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

Verse 4:

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**
I thank you for the kindness and the times when you got
C
tough
Am **Em** **Am** **D7** **G**
And Papa, I don't think I said "I love you" near enough

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Am **Em** **Am** **C** **G** **C/G** **G** **G**
I'm just a living legacy to the leader of the band
G

Tag:

Am **Em** **Am** **C** **D** **G** **C/G**
I am the living legacy to the leader of the band