LEADER OF THE BAND

G7, G7, G7, G7, C, C, C, C, Am, Am, Em, Em, D, D, G, C/G, G C/G, G, G

G C/G G G G Bm Bm C C
AN ONLY CHILD ALONE AND WILD; A CABINET-MAKER'S SON

Am Am Em Em
HIS HANDS WERE MEANT FOR DIFFERENT WORK

Am Am C D
AND HIS HEART WAS KNOWN TO NONE
G C/G G G G Bm Bm C C
HE LEFT HIS HOME AND WENT HIS LONE AND SOLITARY WAY

Am Am Em Em Am D7 G, C/G, G, C/G, G, G

AND HE GAVE TO ME THE GIFT I KNOW I NEVER CAN REPAY
G C/G G G Bm Bm C C
A QUIET MAN OF MUSIC DENIED A SIMPLER FATE

Am Am Em Em Am Am C D
HE TRIED TO BE A SOLDIER ONCE BUT HIS MUSIC WOULDN'T WAIT
G C/G G G Bm Bm C C
HE EARNED HIS LOVE THROUGH DISCIPLINE A THUNDERING VELVET HAND.

THE LEADER OF THE BAND IS TIRED AND HIS EYES ARE GROWING OLD

Am Am Em Em Am Am F D
BUT HIS BLOOD RUNS THROUGH MY INSTRUMENT AND HIS SONG IS IN MY SOUL
C C Bm Bm C C G G
MY LIFE HAS BEEN A POOR ATTEMPT TO IMITATE THE MAN

Am Am Em Em Am C G C/G, G, C/G, G, G

I'M JUST A LIVING LEGACY TO THE LEADER OF THE BAND

G C/G G G G Bm Am C C
MY BROTHERS' LIVES WERE DIFFERENT FOR THEY HEARD ANOTHER CALL

Am Am Em Em Am Am C C
ONE WENT TO CHICAGO AND THE OTHER TO ST. PAUL
G C/G G G Bm Bm C C
AND I'M IN COLORADO WHEN I'M NOT IN SOME HOTEL

Am Am Em Em Am D7 G C/G, G, G, G
LIVING OUT THIS LIFE I'VE CHOSE, AND COME TO KNOW SO WELL.
G7, G7, G7, G7, C, C, C, C, Am, Am, Em, Em, D, D, G, C/G, G C/G, G, G

G C/G G G Bm Bm C C
I THANK YOU FOR THE MUSIC AND YOUR STORIES OF THE ROAD

Am Am Em Em Am An An C D
I THANK YOU FOR THE FREEDOM WHEN IT CAME MY TIME TO GO
G C/G G G Bm Bm C C
I THANK YOU FOR THE KINDNESS AND THE TIMES WHEN YOU GOT TOUGH

Am Am Em Em Am D7 G G
AND PAPA, I DON'T THINK I SAID "I LOVE YOU" NEAR ENOUGH

C C Bm Bm C C G G
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C C Bm Bm C C G G
MY LIFE HAS BEEN A POOR ATTEMPT TO IMITATE THE MAN

Am Am Em Em Am C G C/G, G, C/G, G, G

I'M JUST A LIVING LEGACY TO THE LEADER OF THE BAND

G7, G7, G7, G7, C, C, C, C, Am, Am, Em, Em, D, D, G, C/G, G C/G, G, G