

## Leader of the Band [capo 2 for Sara]

Intro – [A D Bm F#m E A]

[A]Only child alone and wild A [Ddm]cabinet maker's [D]son  
[Bm]His hands were meant for [F#m]different work  
And his [Bm]heart was known to [D]none [E]  
[A]He left his home and went his lone and [Ddm]solitary [D]way  
[Bm]He gave to me a [F#m]gift I know I [Bm]never [E]can [A]repay

[A]A quiet man of music [Ddm]denied a simpler [D]fate  
[Bm]He tried to be a [F#m]soldier once but his [Bm]music wouldn't [D]wait [E]  
[A]He earned his love through discipline  
A [Dbm]thundering, velvet [D]hand  
His [Bm]gentle means of [F#m]sculpting souls  
took me [Bm]years to [E]understand.[A]

CHORUS:

[D]The leader of the [Ddm]band is tired  
and his [D]eyes are growing [A]old  
But his [Bm]blood runs through my [F#m]instrument  
And his [Bm]song is in my [D]soul [E]  
[D]My life has been a [Ddm]poor attempt [D]to imitate the [A]man  
I'm [Bm]just a living [F#m]legacy to the [Bm]leader [E]of the [A]band.

[A]My brothers' lives were different  
For they [Ddm]heard another [D]call  
[Bm]One went to [F#m]Chicago and the [Bm]other to St. [D]Paul [E]  
[A]And I'm in Colorado when I'm [Ddm]not in some [D]hotel  
[Bm]Living out this [F#m]life I've chose and [Bm]come to [E]know so [A]well.

BREAK: [A D Bm F#m E A]

[A]I thank you for the music and your [Dbm]stories of the [D]road  
[Bm]I thank you for the [F#m]freedom when it [Bm]came my time to [D]go [E]  
[A]I thank you for the kindness  
and the [Dbm]times when you got [D]tough  
And, [Bm]papa, I don't [F#m]think I said "I [Bm]love you" [E]near [A]enough

CHORUS:

I [Bm]am the living [F#m]legacy of the [Bm]leader [E]of the [A]band  
[A D Bm F#m E A]