

Leader of the Band [capo 2 for Sara]

Intro – [G C Am Em D G]

[G]Only child alone and wild A [Bm]cabinet maker's [C]son

[Am]His hands were meant for [Em]different work

And his [Am]heart was known to [C]none [D]

[G]He left his home and went his lone and [Bm]solitary [C]way

[Am]He gave to me a [Em]gift I know I [Am]never [D]can [G]repay

[G hold 4 measures]

[G]A quiet man of music [Bm]denied a simpler [C]fate

[Am]He tried to be a [Em]soldier once but his [Am]music wouldn't [C]wait [D]

[G]He earned his love through discipline

A [Bm]thundering, velvet [C]hand

His [Am]gentle means of [Em]sculpting souls

took me [Am]years to [D]understand. [G]

CHORUS:

[C]The leader of the [B/D]band is tired

and his [C]eyes are growing [G]old

But his [Am]blood runs through my [Em]instrument

And his [Am]song is in my [C]soul [D]

[C]My life has been a [B/D]poor attempt [C]to imitate the [G]man

I'm [Am]just a living [Em]legacy to the [Am]leader [D]of the [G]band.

[G hold 4 measures]

[G]My brothers' lives were different

For they [Bm]heard another [C]call

[Am]One went to [Em]Chicago and the [Am]other to St. [C]Paul [D]

[G]And I'm in Colorado when I'm [Bm]not in some [C]hotel

[Am]Living out this [Em]life I've chose and [Am]come to [D]know so [G]well.

BREAK: [G C Am Em D G] [10 Measures]

[G]I thank you for the music and your [Bm]stories of the [C]road

[Am]I thank you for the [Em]freedom when it [Am]came my time to [C]go [D]

[G]I thank you for the kindness

and the [Bm]times when you got [C]tough

And, [Am]papa, I don't [Em]think I said "I [Am]love you" [D]near [G]enough

CHORUS:

I [Am]am the living [Em]legacy of the [Am]leader [D]of the [G]band

[G C Am Em D G]