The Leader Of The Band
Chords And Lyrics
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Intro – G-C-Am-Em-D7-G-C/G-G-C/G-G-C/G-G

G   G/C   G   Bm   C
An only child, alone and wild, a cabinet maker's son
Am   Em   Am   G6   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   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   G/C   G   Bm   C
A quiet man of music, denied a simpler fate
Am   Em   Am   G6   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   D7   G
His gentle means of sculpting souls took me years to understand

C   Bm   C   G
The leader of the band is tired and his eyes are growing old
Am   Em   Am   G6   C   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   D7   G   C/G   G   C/G   G   C/G   G
I'm just a living legacy to the leader of the band.

G   G/C   G   Bm   C
My brothers' lives were different, for they heard another call
Am   Em   Am   G6   C   D
One went to Chicago and the other to Saint Paul
G   C/G   G   Bm   C
And I'm in Colorado, when I'm not in some hotel
Am   Em   D7   G   C/G   G
Living out this life I've chosen, come to know so well
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Intro – G-C-Am-Em-D7-G-C/G-G-C/G-G-C/G-G

G   G/C   G   Bm   C
I thank you for the music and your stories of the road
Am   Em   Am   G6   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   D7   G
And, Papa, I don't think I said "I love you" near enough.

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   Am   Em   D7   G
I'm just a living legacy to the leader of the band
   Am   Em   Am   G6   C   D   G   C/G   G   C/G   G   C/G   G
I am the living legacy to the leader of the band

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