

Leader of the Band

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Key/Chords

Key: **D / Bm** Chords: I **D** II **Em** III **F#m** IV **G** V **A** VI **Bm** VII **C#m7(b5)** No. # or b **2**
[Originally in "A^b"]

Intro

| 1(7) | | 1(7) | | 4 | | 4 | | 2m | | 6m | | 5 | | 1 | 4 | | 1 | 4 | | 1 | 4 | | 1 | 4 | | 1 |

Verse #1

1 **4** **1** **3m** **4**
An only child alone and wild, a cabinet maker's son
2m **6m** **2m** **4** **5**
His hands were meant for different work and his heart was known to none
1 **4** **1** **3m** **4**
He left his home and went his lone and solitary way
2m **6m** **5(7)** | **1** **4** | **1** **4** | **1** **4** | **1** | |
And he gave to me a gift I know I never can repay

Verse #2

1 **4** **1** **3m** **4**
A quiet man of music, denied a simpler fate,
2m **6m** **2m** **4** **5**
He tried to be a soldier once but his music wouldn't wait
1 **4** **1** **3m** **4**
He earned his love through discipline, a thundering velvet hand
2m **6m** **5(7)** | **1** **4** | **1** **4** | **1** **4** | **1** | |
His gentle means of sculpting souls took me years to understand

Chorus

4 **3m** **4** **1**
The leader of the band is tired and his eyes are growing old
2m **6m** **2m** **5**
But his blood runs through my instrument and his song is in my soul
4 **3m** **4** **1**
My life has been a poor attempt to imitate the man
2m **6m** **2m** **4** | **1** **4** | **1** **4** | **1** **4** | **1** | |
I'm just a living legacy to the lea - der of... the band

Verse #3

1 **4** **1** **3m** **4**
My brothers' lives were different for they heard another call
2m **6m** **2m** **4** **5**
One went to Chicago, and the other to St. Paul
1 **4** **1** **3m** **4**
And I'm in Colorado when I'm not in some hotel
2m **6m** **5(7)** | **1** **4** | **1** **4** | **1** **4** | **1** | |
Living out this life I've chose and come to know so well

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Verse #4

1 **4** **1** **3m** **4**
I thank you for the music and your stories of the road
2m **6m** **2m** **4** **5**
I thank you for the freedom when it came my time to go
1 **4** **1** **3m** **4**
I thank you for the kindness and the times when you got tough
 2m **6m** **5(7)** | **1** **4** | **1** **4** | **1** **4** | **1** |
And papa I don't think I said "I love you" near enough

Chorus

4 **3m** **4** **1**
The leader of the band is tired and his eyes are growing old
 2m **6m** **2m** **5**
But his blood runs through my instrument and his song is in my soul
4 **3m** **4** **1**
My life has been a poor attempt to imitate the man
 2m **6m** **2m** **4** | **1** **4** | **1** **4** | **1** **4** | **1** |
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Ending

2m **6m** **2m** **4** | **1** **4** | **1** **4** | **1** **4** | **1** |
I am a living legacy to the lea - der of... the band

| **1(7)** | **1(7)** | **4** | **4** | **2m** | **6m** | **5** | **1** **4** | **1** **4** | **1** **4** | **1** |