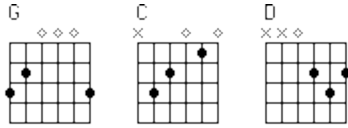


The Gambler



G G C G On a warm summer's eve on a train bound for Dover
G G G D I met up with a gambler, we were both too tired to sleep
G G C G So we took turns a starrin at the windows through the darkness
C G D G G Till boredom over took us and he began to speak

G G C G He said son I've made a life of readin peoples faces
G G G D Knowin what the cards were by the way they held their eyes
G G C G So if you don't mind me sayin, I can see your out of aces
C G D G G For a taste of your whiskey I'll give you some advice

G G C G So I handed him my bottle and he drank down my last swallow
G G G D Then he bummed a cigarette and asked me for a light
G G C G And the night got deathly quiet and his face lost all expression
C G D G He said, if you want to play the game boy

You got to learn to play it right

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G G C G You got to know when to hold'em, know when to fold'em
G G G D Know when to walk away, know when to run
g c G C G You never count your money, when you're sittin at the table
g c G D G G There'll be time enough for countin, when the dealin's done

G G C G Every gambler knows that the secret to surviving
G G G D Is knowin what to throw away, knowin what to keep
G G C G Cause every hand's a winner and every hand's a loser
C G D G G And the best that you can hope for is to die in your sleep

G G C G And when he finished speakin, he turned back to the window
G G G D Crushed out his cigarette and faded off to sleep
G G C G And some where in the darkness the gambler he broke even
C G D G In his final words I found an ace that I could keep

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