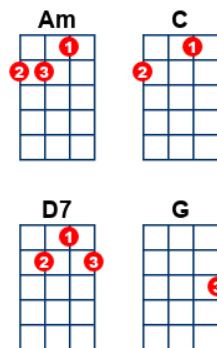


Gambler

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On a [G] warm summer's evenin' on a [C] train bound for [G]  
nowhere,  
I met up with the gambler; we were both too tired to [D7] sleep.  
So [G] we took turns a starin' out the [C] window at the [G]  
darkness  
'til [C] boredom over [G] took us, and [D7] he began to [G]  
speak.



He said, [G] "Son, I've made a life out of [C] readin' people's [G] faces,  
and knowin' what their cards were by the way they held their [D7] eyes.  
And if [G] you don't mind my sayin', I can [C] see you're out of [G] aces.  
For a [C] taste of your [G] whiskey I'll [D7] give you some [G] advice."

So I [G] handed him my bottle  
and he [C] drank down my last [G] swallow.  
Then he bummed a cigarette and asked me for a [D7] light.  
And the [G] night got deathly quiet,  
and his [C] face lost all ex[G]pression.  
Said, "If you're [C] gonna play the [G] game, boy,  
ya gotta [D7] learn to play it [G] right.

You got to [G] know when to hold 'em, [C] know when to [G] fold 'em,  
[C] know when to [G] walk away and know when to [D7] run.  
You never [G] count [Am] your [G] money when you're [C] sittin' at the [G]  
table.  
There'll be [C] time enough for [G] countin' [D7] when the dealin's [G] done.

[G] Ev'ry gambler knows that the [C] secret to surv[G]ivin'  
is knowin' what to throw away and knowing what to [D7] keep.  
'Cause [G] ev'ry hand's a winner and [C] ev'ry hand's a [G] loser,  
and the [C] best that you can [G] hope for is to [D7] die in your [G] sleep."

And [G] when he'd finished speakin', he [C] turned back towards the [G] window  
crushed out his cigarette and faded off to [D7] sleep.  
And [G] somewhere in the darkness the [C] gambler, he broke [G] even.  
But [C] in his final [G] words I found an [D7] ace that I could [G] keep.

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