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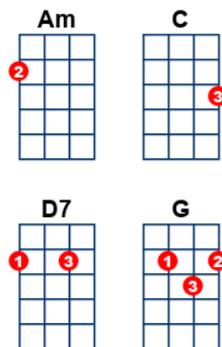
He said, **[G]** "Son, I've made a life out of **[C]** readin' people's **[G]** faces,
and knowin' what their cards were by the way they held their **[D7]** eyes.
And if **[G]** you don't mind my sayin', I can **[C]** see you're out of **[G]** aces.
For a **[C]** taste of your **[G]** whiskey I'll **[D7]**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