The Gambler

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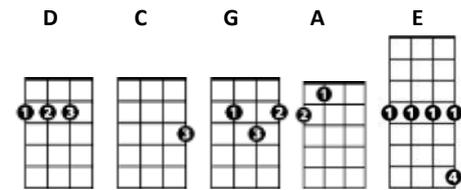
Difficulty = ♩♩♩

CHORDS USED IN THIS SONG

D   C   G   A   E

[*] = Pause

[x] = clap and open strings

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

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

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

Chorus:

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

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[A]Every gambler knows that the [D]secret to [A]survivin'
Is knowin' what to throw away and knowin' what to [E]keep
'Cause [A]every hand's a winner, and [D]every hand's a [A]loser
And the [D]best that you can [A]hope for is to [E]die in your [A]sleep."

[A]And when he finished speakin', he turned [D]back toward the [A]window
Crushed out his cigarette and faded off to [E]sleep
And [A][*] somewhere in the darkness, the [D][*] gambler, he broke [A][*] even
But [D][*] in his final [A][*] words I found an [E][*] ace that I could [A][*] keep

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