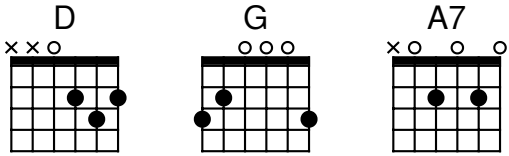
A Man's A Man for A' That

Robert Burns 1795



[D] Is there for honest [G] Pover-[A7]-ty
That [D] hings his head, an' [G] a' that;
The [D] coward slave-we [G] pass him [A7] by,
We [D] dare be poor for [A7] a' that!
For [D] a' that, an' [G] a' [A7] that.
Our [D] toils obscure an' [G] a' that,
The [D] rank is but the [G] guinea's [A7] stamp,
The [D] Man's the gowd for [A7] a' that.

What [D] though on hamely [G] fare we [A7] dine,
Wear [D] hoddin grey, an' [G] a that;
Gie [D] fools their silks, and [G] knaves their [A7] wine;
A [D] Man's a Man for [A7] a' that:
For [D] a' that, and [G] a' [A7] that,
Their [D] tinsel show, an'[G] a' that;
The [D] honest man, tho' [G] e'er sae [A7] poor,
Is [D] king o' men for [A7] a' that.

Ye [D] see yon birkie, [G] ca'd a [A7] lord,
Wha [D] struts, an' stares, an' [G] a' that;
Tho'[D] hundreds worship [G] at his [A7] word,
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The [D] man o' inde-[G]-pendent [A7] mind
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A [D] prince can mak a [G] belted [A7] knight,
A [D] marquis, duke, an' [G] a' that;
But an [D] honest man's a-[G] -bon his [A7] might,
Gude [D] faith, he maunna [A7] fa' that!
For [D] a' that, an' [G] a' [A7] that,
Their [D] dignities an' [G] a' that;
The [D] pith o' sense, an' [G] pride o' [A7] worth,
Are [D] higher rank than [A7] a' that.

Then [D] let us pray that [G] come it [A7] may,
(As [D] come it will for [G] a' that,)
That [D] Sense and Worth, o'er [G] a' the [A7] earth,
Shall [D] bear the gree, an' [A7] a' that.
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That [D] Man to Man, the [G] world [A7] o'er,
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