

Minstrel of the Dawn

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D D G A A
The Minstrel of the Dawn is here to make you laugh and bend your ear

A Minstrel of the Dawn is he, not too wise, but oh so free

Minstrel of the changing tide, he'll ask for nothing but his pride

A Minstrel of the Dawn is near, just like a 'Step n Fetchet' here

The minstrel boy will understand, he holds the promise in his hand

D D G A A
Up the steps you'll hear him climb all full of thoughts, all full of rhymes

He'll talk of life out on the street he'll play it sad, he'll play it sweet

Just sit him down upon that chair, fetch some wine and set it there

He's like an old time troubadour, wanting life and nothing more

He talks of better days ahead and by his words your fortune's read

G C G C A A
Listen to the pictures flow across the room into your mind they go

Look into his shining face, of loneliness you'll always find a trace

Listen to the pictures flow, follow the fingers where they go

Look into his shining eyes and if you see a ghost don't be surprised

Listen to the pictures flow, across the room into your mind they go

D G G Bm Bm E A A
Listen to the strings, they jangle and dangle while the old guitar rings

Just like me and you, he's trying to get into things more happy than blue

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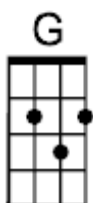
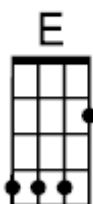
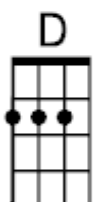
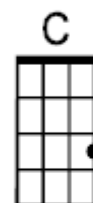
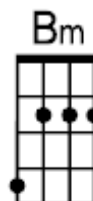
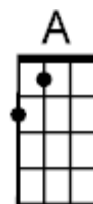
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<Sing all 5 verses, then end with:>

D D G A A
The Minstrel of the Dawn is gone, I hope he'll call before too long

D D G A A
And if you meet him you must be the victim of his minstrelsy

G D D G G G D
Sing for you a song, the Minstrel of the Dawn



This song is easily played in 4/4 time. Lightfoot does it in 6/8, which results in a bit more syncopation in the lyrics.