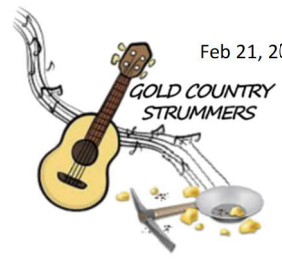


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# The Gambler

Baritone

Intro: C F C F

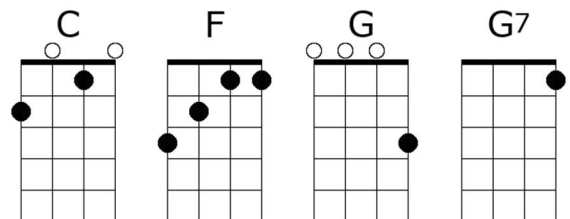
On a warm summer's eve on a train bound for nowhere  
 I met up with the gambler we were both too tired to sleep  
 So we took turns a-starin' out the window at the darkness  
 Till boredom over-took us, and he began to speak

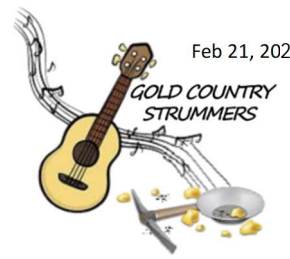
He said, "Son, I've made a life out of readin' people's faces  
 And knowin' what the cards were by the way they held their eyes  
 So if you don't mind me sayin' I can see you're out of aces  
 For a taste of your whiskey I'll give you some ad-vice"

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

Chorus:

You got to know when to hold 'em know when to fold 'em  
 Know when to walk away and know when to run  
 You never count your money when you're sittin' at the table  
 There'll be time e-nough for countin' when the dealin's done





## The Gambler (pg 2)

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D Every gambler knows that the G secret to sur-vivin' D  
 D Is knowin' what to throw away and knowin' what to keep A7  
 'Cause every hand's a winner G and every hand's a loser D  
 G And the best that you can hope for is to die in your sleep D  
 D And when he finished speakin' G he turned back toward the window D  
 D Crushed out his cigarette and faded off to sleep A7  
 n.c. D↓ And somewhere in the darkness G↓ the gambler he broke even D↓  
 G↓ But in his final words I found an ace that I could keep D↓

<Chorus>: (note key change)

Clap:

You've got to know when to hold 'em know when to fold 'em  
 Know when to walk away and know when to run  
 You never count your money when you're sittin' at the table  
 There'll be time e-nough for countin' when the dealin's done

You've got to know when to hold 'em G know when to fold 'em D  
 G Know when to walk away D and know when to run A  
 You never count your money D when you're sittin' at the table G D  
 There'll be time e-nough for countin' D G D A when the dealin's done D↓

