The Minstrel Boy
by Thomas Moore (Irish traditional folk (c.1798))

Intro riff and chords:   F/     C/              G/   C/
A--2--3--0---------------------------
E-------------3--0--1--3--0---------
C----------------------------------2----0----------------
G----------------------------------------------------
C             F               C    G      C
The min-strel boy to the war has gone
F            C                    G    C
In the ranks of death you will find him
C            F                  C    G   C
His father’s sword he hath gird-ed on
F              C           G      C
And his wild harp slung be-hind him.

Am     G   F                     G         C
“Land of song” said the warrior bard,
F        Am       F    G    C
“Though all the world be- tray thee,
C          F              C      G     C
One sword at least thy rights shall guard,
F          Am              G        C
One faithful heart shall praise thee.”

C             F                C    G      C
The min-strel fell, but the foe-man’s chain
F               C             G    C
Could not bring that proud soul un-der.
C            F                C     G   C
The harp he loved ne’er spoke a-gain
F           C           G    C
For he tore its chords a-sun-der

Am   G    F               G        C
And said “No chain shall sul-ly thee
F        Am         F    G   C
Thou soul of love and bra-ve- ry.
C                 F                 C      G     C
Thy songs were made for the pure and free.
F        Am         G       C
They shall nev-er sound in sla-ve-ry.”