

The Gambler

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Original Key: Eb

Key Change: E

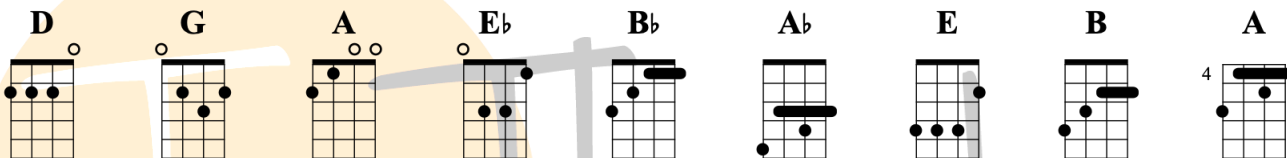
Key of Tutorial: D

Capo: 1st Fret

Chords: D, G, A

Video Tutorial: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C9ZRsL41GAo>

Chord Shapes:



Original Key

D = Eb

G = Ab

A = Bb

Intro

1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & |
D | G | D | G |
D D U D D U | D D U D D U | D D U D D U | D D U D D U |

Verse

1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & |
D | D | G | D |
D D U D D U | D D U D D U | D D U D D U | D D U D D U |

1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & |
D | D | D | A |
D D U D D U | D D U D D U | D D U D D U | D D U D D U |

1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & |
D | D | G | D |
D D U D D U | D D U D D U | D D U D D U | D D U D D U |

1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & |
 G | D | A | D |
 D D U D D U | D D U D D U | D D U D D U | D D U D D U |

Chorus

1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & |
 D | D | G | D |
 D D U D D U | D D U D D U | D D U D D U | D D U D D U |

1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & |
 G | D | D | A |
 D D U D D U | D D U D D U | D D U D D U | D D U D D U |

1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & |
 D | D | G | D |
 D D U D D U | D D U D D U | D D U D D U | D D U D D U |

1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & |
 D G | D | A | D |
 D D U D D U | D D U D D U | D D U D D U | D D U D D U |

- The 2nd verse has an extra measure of D before the 3rd verse
- You'll see it written out as D at the end of the 2nd verse
- Key change happens at the start of verse 4 if you want to play like the original recording, that is from Eb to E\

Full Song

[Intro]
 D G D G

[Verse 1]
 D D G D
 On a warm summer's eve-nin' on a train bound for no-where,
 D D D A
 I met up with the gambler; we were both too tired to sleep.
 D D G D
 So we took turns a star-in' out the window at the dark-ness
 G D A D
 'til boredom overtook us, and he began to speak.

[Verse 2]

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

[Verse 3]

 D D G D
So I handed him my bot-tle and he drank down my last swallow.
D D D A
 Then he bummed a cig-arett and asked me for a light.
 D D
And the night got deathly qui-et,
 G D
and his face lost all expres-sion.
 G D
Said, "If you're gonna play the game, boy,
 A D
ya gotta learn to play it right

[Chorus]

 D D G D
You got to know when to hold 'em, know when to fold 'em,
G D D A
 know when to walk away and know when to run.
 D D G D
You never count your money when you're sittin' at the ta-ble.
 D G D
There'll be time e-nough for count-in'
A D
 when the dealin's done.

[Bridge]

D D D D

[Verse 4]

D D G D
Ev'ry gambler knows that the secret to sur-vivin'

D **D** **D** **A**
is knowin' what to throw away and knowing what to keep.
D **D** **G** **D**
'Cause ev'ry hand's a win-ner and ev'ry hand's a loser,
G **D** **A** **D**
and the best that you can hope for is to die in your sleep."

[Verse 5]

D **D** **G** **D**
And when he'd finished speakin', he turned back towards the window,
D **D** **D** **A**
crushed out his cigarette and faded off to sleep.
D **D** **G** **D**
And somewhere in the dark-ness the gambler, he broke even.
G **D** **A** **D**
But in his final words I found an ace that I could keep.

[Chorus x3]

D **D** **G** **D**
You got to know when to hold 'em, know when to fold 'em,
G **D** **D** **A**
know when to walk away and know when to run.
D **D** **G** **D**
You never count your money when you're sittin' at the ta-ble.
D **G** **D**
There'll be time e-nough for count-in'
A **D**
when the dealin's done.