

The Minstrel Boy (Traditional – no added lyrics)

Strumming Pattern: NA

Fingerstyle: see fingerstyle guide

Chords Used:

G

G B D G B G

Em

E B E G B E

Bm

B F# B D F#

C

E C E G C E

Am

E A E A C E

Intro: G – Em – Bm – C – G – Em – Am - G

G Em Bm C
 The minstrel boy to the war has gone.
 G Em Am G
 In the ranks of death you will find him.
 (G) Em Bm C
 His father's sword he has girded on
 G Em Am G
 And his wild harp slung behind him.
 (G) Em Bm C
 Land of Song!" said the warrior bard,
 G Em Am G
 "Tho' all the world betrays thee,
 (G) Em Bm C
 One sword, at least, thy rights shall guard,
 G Em Am G
 One faithful harp shall praise thee!"
 (G) Em Bm C
 The Minstrel fell! But the foeman's chain
 G Em Am G
 Could not bring that proud soul under;
 (G) Em Bm C
 The harp he lov'd ne'er spoke again,
 G Em Am G
 For he tore its chords asunder;

(G) Em Bm C
And said "No chains shall sully thee,
G Em Am G
Thou soul of love and brav'ry!

(G) Em Bm C
Thy songs were made for the pure and free,
G Em Am G
They shall never sound in slavery!"
G Em Am G
They shall never sound in slavery!"