

Basketweaving

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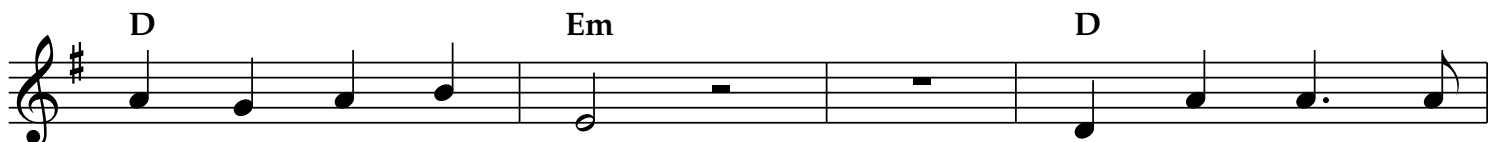
Intro: Em C G Em Am7 D G



The first home I re - - mem - ber was a
Mom _____ ran a di - ner that
As I grew we bat - tled 'bout his
Once, with Dad off buy - ing parts, loud
I re - fused, ex - plained that this was
Packed and left next morn - ing, a -
I'm the on - ly one I ev - er



shack be - side the road, The smell of soft tar
spe - cial - ized in wings And sponge cake, of - ten
treat - ment of the damned. He said they'd all ig -
rat - tling shook the doors. A man, with bas - ket
not my line of work. He did - n't care how
ware Dad's at - - ti - tude Was shaped by stran - gers
knew who climbed that hill; The oth - ers chose the



fresh up - on the street. To a four or
used as fi - re brick. Dad's shop was the
nore ad - vice he'd give, Keep on slid - ing
dam - aged by the slide Said it did - n't
much he had to pay; Called me ev' - ry
ea - ger for their fall. Mom gave me a
down - ward slope in - stead. Nev - er matched my



five year old The as - phalt stretched for miles un - told,
maj - or draw For a - ny pass - ers - by we saw,
down that hill, Com - plete - ly trapped in their free will. "A
have to last, But need - ed speed - up treat - ment fast: The
name he could Un - til I patched the splint - ered wood To
box of wings. I could - n't bear to eat the things.
Dad's de - gree, But made the most of liv - ing free.

Em B7 Am 1,3-4,6 2,5,7

Wide and smooth and sul - frous in the heat.
 Stop - ping there to have hand - bas - kets fixed.
 bas - ket - weav - er's fam' - ly's got to live."
 non - stick kind with 'smil - ies' on the side.
 send him on his wick - ed, wick - ered way.
 An - gels don't fit bas - kets well at all.
 Still, looks like the old place dead a - head.

G D C G

Dad had a P - h - D in bas - ket - weav - ing, Op - ened a gar -

D C G D

age be - side the high - way: Wil - low or rat - tan re - pairs;

C G D C

Tef - lon coat - ing Rac - ing stripes or flames; half - price Fri - days.

First & third chorus only:

Em C G Em

I thought he was e - vil, to en - cour - age as he did, But

Am7 D G 1 D 3 Am B7 Em

that's just how it is with dads and kids.

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