

# God Bless The Child

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G13 Gm7/C [2x - with lick in between; 1<sup>st</sup> vox note=E]

G13 Gm7/C G13 Gm7/C  
Them that's got shall get, them that's not shall lose.

Dm/G Dm+7/G Dm7/G G9  
So the Bible says and it still is news.

CM7 F9-5  
Mama may have and Papa may have.

Bm7 E7 Am7 D7 G13 Gm7/C  
But God bless the child that's got his own, that's got his own

And the strong seem to get more while the weak ones fade  
Empty pockets don't make the grade  
Mama may have and Papa may have.  
But God bless the child that's got his own, that's got his own

Em Em+7 Em7 C7  
And when you got money you got lotsa friends

Bm Bm7/A GM7 Bm/F#

Crowdin' 'round your door.

Em Em+7 Em7 C7  
When the money's gone and all your spendin' ends,

Bm7-5 Bb7#11 Am7-5 Ab7#11 [can go to D7, but don't have to]  
They won't be 'round any more.

And rich relations may give you a crust of bread and such.  
You can help yourself, but don't take too much.  
Mama may have and Papa may have.  
But God bless the child that's got his own, that's got his own.  
Every child's got to have his own.

[Guitar Arrangement by Sam Davis]

CHORD SHAPES

G13 = 3 3 3 4 5 x Gm7/C = x 3 3 3 3 x

Lick back to G13 is: C sl. D F C p.o. Bb G p.o. F G G

A: 3 sl. 5; D: 3 h.o. 5; A: 3 sl. 5 sl. 3 p.o. 1; E: 3 p.o. 1

2<sup>nd</sup> half of verse & chorus:

Dm/G = 3 0 0 2 3 x F9-5 = 1 0 1 0 0 x

Dm+7/G = 3 0 0 2 2 x Bm7 = 2 2 0 2 0 x

Dm7/G = 3 0 0 2 1 x E7 = 0 2 0 1 0 0

G9 = 3 0 0 2 0 1 Am7 = 0 0 2 0 1 0

CM7 = 0 3 2 0 0 0

D7 = x 0 5 5 3 x [also: x 5 4 2 0 x or x x 2 4 3 x]

Bridge:

Em = x 7 5 4 x x GM7 = 3 x 4 4 x x

Em+7 = x 6 5 4 x x Bm/F# = 2 x 4 4 x x

Em7 = x 5 5 4 x x Bm-7 = 7 x 7 7 6 x

C7 = x 3 5 3 x x Bb7#11 = 6 x 6 7 5 x ["also C shape"]

Bm = x 2 4 4 x x Am7-5 = 5 x 5 5 4 x

Bm7/A = x 0 4 4 x x Ab7#11 = 4 x 4 5 3 x