

# THE ENTERTAINER

Words and Music by  
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Moderately fast

1. 1

*mf*

G

C/E

Dm7

C

am the en - ter - tain - er and I know just where I stand, An -

G/B

C

D

oth - er ser - e - nad - er and an - oth - er long - haired band. To -

G

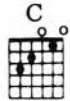
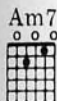
C/E

Dm7

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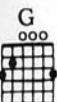
hearts But I know the game you'll for - get my name And I



won't be here in an - oth - er year If I don't stay on the charts. —



2. I



am the en - ter - tain - er and I've had to pay — my

C  G/B 

price, The things I did not know at first I



C  D  G 

learned by do - ing twice. But still they come to haunt me,



C/E  Dm7  C 

still they want their say, So I've learned to dance with a



D  Am7  C 

hand in my pants I let 'em rub my neck and I write 'em a check And they



D      D7      G      C      D      G

go their mer-ry way. —

3. I am the entertainer, been all around the world,  
I've played all kinds of palaces and laid all kinds of girls.  
I can't remember faces, I don't remember names,  
But what the hell, you know it's just as well  
'Cause after a while and a thousand miles  
It all becomes the same.
4. I am the entertainer, I bring to you my songs,  
I'd like to spend a day or two but I can't stay that long.  
I got to meet expenses, I got to stay in line,  
Got to get those fees to the agencies  
And I'd love to stay but there's bills to pay  
So I just don't have the time.
5. I am the entertainer, I've come to do my show,  
You've heard my latest record, it's been on the radio.  
It took me years to write it, they were the best years of my life,  
If you're gonna have a hit you gotta make it fit  
So they cut it down to 3:05.
6. I am the entertainer, the idol of my age,  
I make all kinds of money when I go on the stage.  
You see me in the papers, I've been in the magazines,  
But if I go cold, I won't get sold,  
I get put in the back in the discount rack  
Like another can of beans.
7. I am the entertainer and I know just where I stand,  
Another serenader and another long-haired band.  
Today I am your champion, I may have won your hearts,  
But I know the game, you'll forget my name,  
I won't be here in another year  
If I don't stay on the charts.