

Helplessness Blues (Fleet Foxes) - Baritone Uke

(First part duple meter/possibly island strum)
Start with G

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G / / / C / / /
I was raised up believing I was somehow unique

D / / / /
Like a snowflake, distinct among snowflakes

C / / G
Unique in each way you can see

/ G / / / C / / /
And now after some thinking, I'd say I'd rather be

/ D / / / /
A functioning cog in some great machinery

C / / G
Serving something beyond me

/ G / / / C / / /
But I don't, I don't know what that will be

/ G / C / / / G ///
I'll get back to you someday soon, you will see

G / / / /
What's my name, what's my station,

/ C / / / /
Oh just tell me what I should do

D / / / /
I don't need to be kind to the armies of night

C / / G
That would do such injustice to you

/ G / / / /
Or bow down and be grateful and say

C / / / /
"Sure, take all that you see,"

D / / / /
To the men who move only in dimly lit halls

C / / G
And determine my future for me

/ G / / / C / / /
And I don't, I don't know who to believe

/ G / C / / / G ///
I'll get back to you someday soon, you will see

G / / / / C / / / /
If I know only one thing, it's that everything that I see

D / / / / C / / / G
Of the world outside is so inconceivable, often I barely can speak

/ G / / / C / / / /
Yeah I'm tongue tied and dizzy, and I can't keep it to myself

D / / / /
What good is it to sing helplessness blues?

C / / G
Why should I wait for anyone else?

G / / /
And I know, I know

/ C / / /
You will keep me on the shelf

/ G / C / / / G
I'll come back to you someday soon myself

(Stay on G - transition to 3 meter, each / = 3 beats)

G / / / /
G C / / /

G C / / / /
If I had an orchard

G C / / / /
I'd work till I'm raw

C G
If I had an orchard

G C Csus4 C /
I'd work till I'm sore

G C
And you would wait tables

G C Csus4 C /
And soon run the store

G C / / / /
Gold hair in the sunlight

G C / / / /
My light in the dawn

C G
If I had an orchard

G C Csus4 C /
I'd work till I'm sore

G C G C Csus4 C /
If I had an orchard, I'd work till I'm sore

(Harmony Verse - same progression)

G C G C
Someday I'll be like the man on the screen

