

# The Gift

## Chords And Lyrics

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Intro – G  
Capo 2<sup>nd</sup> fret (optional)

G  
A poor orphan girl named Maria  
D  
Was walking to market one day  
She stopped for a rest by the roadside  
D7 G  
Where a bird with a broken wing lay  
A few moments passed till she saw it  
D  
For it's feathers were covered with sand  
But soon clean and wrapped it was traveling  
D7 G  
In the warmth of Maria's small hand

C  
She happily spent her last peso  
G D G  
On a cage made of rushes and twine  
C  
She fed it loose corn from the market  
G D  
And watched it grow stronger with time

G  
Now the Christmas Eve service was coming  
D  
And the church shone with tinsel and light  
And all of the townfolk brought presents  
D7 G  
To lay by the manger that night  
There were diamonds and incense and perfumes  
D  
In packages fit for a king  
But for one ragged bird in a small cage

D7 G  
Maria had nothing to bring

C G D G  
She waited till just before midnight - So no one would see her go in  
C G D  
And crying she knelt by the manger - For her gift was unworthy of Him

G  
Then a voice spoke to her through the darkness

D  
Maria, what brings you to me  
If the bird in the cage is your offering

G  
Open the door let me see  
Though she trembled, she did as he asked her

D  
And out of the cage the bird flew

D7 G  
Soaring up into the rafters - On a wing that had healed good as new

C G D G  
Just then - the midnight bells rang out - And the little bird started to sing  
C G D  
A song that no words could recapture - Whose beauty was fit for a king

G  
Now Maria felt blessed just to listen

D  
To that cascade of notes sweet and long

D7 G  
As her offering was lifted to heaven - By the very first nightingale's song