

# Alexander Hamilton

Intro: F#

D            D U    D U    D D  
1    &    2    &    3    &    4

Strum Pattern:

DS            T                            T  
1    2    3    4            1    2    3    4

Bm

How does a bastard, orphan, son of a whore

F#

G

And a Scotsman, dropped in the middle of a forgotten spot

In the Caribbean by providence impoverished

D

Bbdim

In squalor, grow up to be a hero and a scholar?

Strum Pattern for D and Bbdim

G-DS            T                            Bbdim            T  
1            2    3    4            1            2    3    4

Bm

The ten-dollar founding father without a father

F#

Got a lot farther by working a lot harder

G

By being a lot smarter

By being a self-starter

D

Bbdim

By fourteen, they placed him in charge of a trading charter

Bm

F#

And every day while slaves were being slaughtered and carted away

Across the waves, he struggled and kept his guard up

G

Inside, he was longing for something to be a part of

D

Bbdim

The brother was ready to beg, steal, borrow, or barter

Bm

Then a hurricane came, and devastation reigned

F#

Our man saw his future drip, dripping down the drain

G

Put a pencil to his temple, connected it to his brain

D

F#sus4

F#

And he wrote his first refrain, a testament to his pain

Bm

Well, the word got around, they said, this kid is insane, man

F#

Took up a collection just to send him to the mainland

G

Get your education, don't forget from whence you came

D

Bbdim

And the world is gonna know your name

What's your name, man?

Bm

Alexander Hamilton

F#

My name is Alexander Hamilton

G

And there's a million things I haven't done

D

F#

But just you wait, just you wait

Strum Pattern Chorus:

D U D U D U D U

1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &

Strum Pattern for D & F#

1/2 strum pattern

Bm

When he was ten his father split, full of it, debt-ridden

F#

Two years later, see Alex and his mother bed-ridden

G

Half-dead sittin' in their own sick, the scent thick

And Alex got better but his mother went quick

Bm

Moved in with a cousin, the cousin committed suicide

F#

Left him with nothin' but ruined pride, something new inside

G

A voice saying,

"Alex, you gotta fend for yourself"

D

Bbdim

He started retreatin' and readin' every treatise on the shelf

Bm

There would have been nothin' left to do for someone less astute

F#

He woulda been dead or destitute without a cent of restitution

G

Started workin', clerkin' for his late mother's landlord

D

Bbdim

Tradin' sugar cane and rum and all the things he can't afford

Bm

Scammin' for every book he can get his hands on

F#

Plannin' for the future see him now as he stands on

G

The bow of a ship headed for the new land

D

Bbdim

In New York you can be a new man

Bm

In New York you can be a new man (just you wait)

G7

In New York you can be a new man (just you wait)

Em9

In New York you can be a new man

F#

In New York, New York

Just you wait

Bm

Alexander Hamilton (Alexander Hamilton)

G7

We are waiting in the wings for you (waiting in the wings for you)

Em

You could never back down

F#

You never learned to take your time

Bm

Oh, Alexander Hamilton (Alexander Hamilton)

G7

When America sings for you

Em

Will they know what you overcame?

D

Em

Will they know you rewrote your game?

Bm/F#

Em/G D/A

F#7/A

The world will never be the same, oh

Bm

The ship is in the harbor now

Bm/C#

See if you can spot him (just you wait)

Bm/D

Em

Another immigrant comin' up from the bottom (just you wait)

Em/G

Em/C#

His enemies destroyed his rep America forgot him

F#sus4

F#

We, fought with him

F#sus4

F#

Me, I died for him

Bm9/F#

F#

Me, I trusted him

Em6/F#

F#

Me, I loved him

F#

And me, I'm the damn fool that shot him (shot him, shot him)

Em/G

D

There's a million things I haven't done

Em6/F#

But just you wait

F#7

What's your name, man?

Bm

Alexander Hamilton

Bm

