Class Assignment Majors and minors

Mary had a little lamb in The Key of C Major. Play and sing it. Notice how in a Major chord the song has a happy tone.

C G7 C
Mary had a little lamb, Little lamb, little lamb
C G7 C
Mary had a little lamb, His Fleece was white as snow

Now try the song in a minor key. Am is the minor mirror of the key of C major. Notice how Mary had a little lamb now sounds sad. Chords help us to color our phrases with emotion.

Am E7 Am
Mary had a little lamb, little lamb, little lamb
Am E7 Am
Mary had a little lamb his fleece was white as snow.

Now lets try to transpose the chord riff half way through. Sing mary had a little lamb the same way you normally do but as you change the Key to the minor chord you will feel the mood change.

C G7 C E7
Mary had a little lamb, little lamb, little lamb.
Am E7 Am
Mary had a little lamb, his fleece was white as snow

Play with the chords and experiment with the changes see what you can discover on your own.