

Five Years
Placebo

There are only a handful of chords in this song, but it s important to get the rhythm & timing right to get an accurate sound. Practise along with the song; it helps! Here s the chords if you need them:

G	Em	Am	C	D
e ---3---	---0---	---0---	---0---	---2---
b ---3---	---0---	---1---	---1---	---3---
g ---0---	---0---	---2---	---0---	---2---
d ---0---	---2---	---2---	---2---	---0---
a ---2---	---2---	---0---	---3---	---0---
e ---3---	---0---	---x---	---x---	---x---

one thing to note beforehand is that in the song the G & E minor chords are linked

by two notes; G & F#. this link should be played as follows:

e ---3-----0---	
b ---3-----0---	
g ---0-----0---	and so on. this is the case every time these two chords
d ---0-----2---	are played together. let the G chord ring on as you
a ---2-----2---	fret the two notes, and play them strongly.
e ---3--3-2--0---	

G
pushing through the market square

Em
so many mothers sighing

Am
news had just come over, we have

C
Five years left of crying

G
news guy wept and told us

Em
he said earth, was really dying

Am
cried so much his face was wet

C
then i knew, he was not lying

G
i heard telephones, opera house, favourite melodies

Em
there were boys toys, electric guns and TVs

C

my brain hurt like a warehouse, it had no room to spare

Am

i had to cram so many things to store everything in there

C

and all the fat, skinny people

Am

C

and all the tall short, people

Am

G

and all the nobody people

C

D

and all the somebody people

Am

C

never thought i d need, so many people

G

girl my age went off her head

Em

hit some tiny children

Am

and if the black hadn t have pulled her off

C

then i think, she would have killed them

G

soldier with a broken arm

Em

used to stare into the wheels of a cadillac

Am

cop knelt to kiss the feet of a priest

C

and a queer threw up at the sight of that, well

G

think i saw you in an ice-cream parlour

Em

drinking milkshakes cold and long

Am

smiling and waving and looking so fine

C

don t think you knew you were in this song

G

and it was cold, and it rained, so i felt like an actor

Em

and i thought of ma, and i wanted to get back there

Am

your face, your waist, the way that you talk

C

i miss you you re beautiful

G

we got five years stuck on my eyes

Em

five years, what a surprise, we got

Am

five years, my brain hurts alot

C

five years, that s all we got

G

(ending chords are Gs)

we got, five years