

Karen

The National

Artist: The National

Song: Karen

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[intro]

G C (repeat)

[verse]

G C (alternate)

Karen, I'm not taking sides

I don't think I'll ever do that again

I'll end up winning and I won't know why

I'm really trying to shine here, I'm really trying

You're changing clothes and closing windows on me all the time

[chorus]

Cm Bb Ab Bb Cm

Well, whatever you do, listen, you better wait for me

Bb Ab Bb Eb

No, I wouldn't go out alone into America

Bb Cm

Whatever you do

Ab Eb

Listen, and you better wait for me

Bb Cm

No, I wouldn't go out alone

[verse]

G C (alternate)

Karen, we should call your father, maybe it's just a phase

He'll know the trick to get a wayward soul to change his ways

It's a common fetish for a doting man

to ballerina on the coffee table cock in hand

[chorus]

Cm Bb Ab Bb Cm

Well, whatever you do, listen, you better wait for me

Bb Ab Bb Eb

No, I wouldn't go out alone into America

Bb Cm

Whatever you do

Bb Eb

Listen, and you better wait for me

Bb Cm

No, I wouldn't go out alone

[middle]

Bb Gm Dm Cm

Bb **Gm**
Without warm water in my head

Dm
All I see is black and white and red

Cm
I feel mechanical and thin

Bb
Hear me play my violin again

Gm
I m living in the target s shoes

Dm
All I see is black and white and blue.

Cm
Idle, idle, idle, idle, protect the nest

G C
Protect the title

[verse]

G C (alternate)

Karen, put me in a chair, fuck me and make me a drink

I ve lost direction, and I m past my peak

I m telling you this isn t me

No, this isn t me

Karen, believe me, you just haven t seen my good side yet

[chorus]

Cm Bb Ab Bb Cm
Well, whatever you do, listen, you better wait for me

Bb Ab Bb Eb
No, I wouldn t go out alone into America

Bb Cm
Whatever you do

Bb Eb
Listen, and you better wait for me

Bb Cm
No, I wouldn t go out alone

[end]

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Bb

I must be me, I m in my head

Gm

Black birds are circling my bed

Dm

I must be me, I must be me

Cm

Black feathers are falling on my feet

Bb

Gm

Idle, idle, idle, idle, protect the nest
Protect the title

Dm

Cm

Idle, idle, idle, idle, protect the nest
Protect the title

[repeat]

[end]

G C