

The Perfect Song
The National

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Change the B note (second fret) to C (third fret) in the G chord to make it Gsus4. Early in the song he sticks to the low strings on the guitar chords, but later, for effect, I like to just play all the strings. Here s about how I strum, but it s probably easiest just to strum by ear.

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Em      C      G  G4  G  G4
1+2+3+4+1+2+3+4+1+2+3+4+1+2+3+4+
dudu udududu udududu udududu udu
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-0-----0-----0--0---0--0-----|
-2-----2-----0--0---0--0-----|
-2-----3-----2--3---2--3-----|
-0-----3--3---3--3-----|
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Em C G-Gsus4 G-Gsus4

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Em                      C
ten years older than I was what I brought you down to see,
G          -Gsus4      G          -Gsus4
what I thought would make you fall in love
Em                      C
wearing off on our dreams someday man Iâ€™m gonna be
G          -Gsus4      G          -Gsus4
no different than the other rivers
Em                      C
I tried to look at you but I couldnâ€™t break the ice
G          -Gsus4      G          -Gsus4
you stood out there for an hour freezing
Em                      C
put your hand around my back I guess you thought I needed that
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G -Gsus4 G -Gsus4

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G                      C
I never tried to find you
G                      C
and I hope you don t remember me and I hope youâ€™re not alone
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Em C G-Gsus4 G-Gsus4

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Em                      C
wanted me to take you home. you said you d rather be alone
G          -Gsus4      G -Gsus4
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I never thought of that

Em
car was warm and we had wine
C **G**
but I couldn't find the perfect song
Em **C**
now I own furniture for worn crows feet
G **-Gsus4** **G** **-Gsus4**
and I can't even remember the car
Em **C**
sometimes I can feel your weight when i close my eyes
G **-Gsus4** **G** **-Gsus4**
seven times I was under you

G **C**
I never tried to find you
G **C**
and I hope you don't remember me and I hope you're not alone
G **C**
and I don't wanna know what your thinking
G **C**
I'm looking out the window--drinking drinking drinking

Em C G-Gsus4 G-Gsus4

Em
shallow frame and shaky sticks
C **G-Gsus4** **G-Gsus4**
but I know there's a river in me
Em
shallow minded adult tricks
C **G-Gsus4** **G-Gsus4**
but I know there's a river in me
Em
shallow frame and shaky sticks
C **G-Gsus4** **G-Gsus4**
but I know there's a river in me

G **C**
I never tried to find you
G **C**
and I hope you don't remember me and I hope you're not alone
G **C**
and I don't wanna know what your thinking
G **C** **Em**
I'm looking out the window--drinking drinking drinking