

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.

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--3-----|

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Em C G-Gsus4 G-Gsus4

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

G -Gsus4 G -Gsus4

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

Em C G-Gsus4 G-Gsus4

Em C
 wanted me to take you home. you said you d rather be alone
G -Gsus4 G -Gsus4

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