

The A Team

by Ed Sheeran
arranged by Damon Eckard / Axes of E'ville

Key: A

Time: 4/4

Capo: 2nd fret

Chords: G, C, Em, Am, D

Strumming notes: The strumming & singing styles both change a bit in this song in order to create dramatic effect. Check out each section below, note the places where the changes happen, and then keep an eye out for those changes as you play through the song.

Intro

(Regular strumming. Establish a strong beat.)

G **Em**
1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 2 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 3 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 4 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 6 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 7 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 8 - 2 - 3 - 4 -

Verse 1

G
White lips, pale face,
Em
Breathing in snowflakes,
G
Burnt lungs, sour taste.

G
Light's gone, day's end,
Em
Struggling to pay rent,
G
Long nights, strange men.

Pre-Chorus

Am **C**
And they say she's in the Class A Team,
G
Stuck in her daydream,
D **Am**
Been this way since 18, but lately her face seems
C
Slowly sinking, wasting,
G
Crumbling like pastries, and they scream,
D
"The worst things in life come free to us!"

First Chorus

(the second one ends differently, so look out!)

Em **C** **G**
Cos we're just under the upper hand,

And go mad for a couple of grams,

Em **C** **G**
And she don't want to go outside tonight,

Em **C** **G**
And in a pipe she flies to the motherland, or sells love to another man,

Em **C** **G**
It's too cold outside

D
For angels to

Em **C** **G**
1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 2 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 3 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 4 - 2 - 3 - 4 -
fly, for Angels to

Em **C** **G**
1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 2 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 3 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 4 - 2 - 3 - 4 -
fly.

Verse 2

G
Ripped gloves, raincoat,
Em
Tried to swim and stay afloat,
G
Dry house, wet clothes.

G
Loose change, bank notes,
Em
Weary-eyed, dry throat,
G
Call girl, no phone.

Short Solo

Em C G
1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 2 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 3 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 4 - 2 - 3 - 4 -

Em C G
1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 2 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 3 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 4 - 2 - 3 - 4 -

Pre-Chorus

(the strumming is different here)

(Strum quietly!)

Am C
And they say she's in the Class A Team,
G
Stuck in her daydream,
D Am <-- (start strumming a little harder here)
Been this way since 18, but lately her face seems
C
Slowly sinking, wasting,
G
Crumbling like pastries, and they scream,
D <-- (strum the D chord once and then just let it ring)
"The worst things in life come free to us!"

Third Chorus

(The words are a little different here & so is the strumming, so look out!)

(down-stroke each chord only once)

Em C G
And we're all under the upper hand,

And go mad for a couple of grams,
Em C G
And we don't wanna go outside tonight,
Em C G
And in the pipe we fly to the Motherland - or sell love to another man,
Em C G
It's too cold outside,
D <-- (back to normal strumming, starting at Em & through to the end.)
For angels to
Em C G
1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 2 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 3 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 4 - 2 - 3 - 4 -
fly, Angels to
Em C G
1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 2 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 3 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 4 - 2 - 3 - 4 -
fly.

(repeat twice, dramatically, ending the song with "Angels to die.")