Better Together – Jack Johnson

Strumming Pattern: This is really easy to strum, but getting the bass notes in there is pretty tricky. The overall pattern is D, DU over and over. What you want to do is go ahead and strum the chords, but emphasize the bass notes on EVERY chord – not just the split chords. You want to make sure you pluck the F Major root note (1st fret E string) and then when you play the F/E you’ll hear a definite change when you pluck the E string open. The pattern is repetitive but that doesn’t make it real easy. At the end I almost lose it completely, but the good news is that since this song is rather muted, you won’t notice too many errors in your practice. I would stick with the arrangement of the chords as I have listed here. There is ONE other version, but it’s crazy hard to sing and play.

Chords Used:

F: 133211
F/E: 033211
Dm: x57765
C5: x355xx
Bb: x1333x
Bb/A: 01333x
Gm: 355333
C5/B: x255xx
C: x32010

F    F/E    Dm    C5
There’s no combination of words I could put on the back of a postcard
Bb  Bb/A  Gm  C5
No song that I could sing but I can try for your heart
F    F/E    Dm    C5
Our dreams, and they are made out of real things
   Bb  Bb/A  Gm  C5
Like a, shoebox of photographs with sepia-tone loving
F    F/E    Dm    C5
Love is the answer, At least for most of the questions in my heart
Bb  Bb/A  Gm  C5
Like why are we here? And where do we go and how come it’s so hard?
F    F/E    Dm    C5
It’s not always easy and sometimes life can be deceiving
Bb  Bb/A  Gm  C5
I’ll tell you one thing it’s always better when we’re together

Bb  C5  -  C5/B
MMM it’s always better when we’re together
Bb  C5  -  C5/B
Yeah, we’ll look at the stars when we’re together
Bb  C5  -  C5/B
Well, it’s always better when we’re together
Bb  C5  -  C5/B
Yeah, it’s always better when we’re together
F – F/E – Dm – C5 | Bb – Bb/A – Gm – C5

And all of these moments just might find their way into my dreams tonight

But I know that they'll be gone when the morning light sings

And brings new things for tomorrow night you see

That they'll be gone too too many things I have to do

But if all of these dreams might find their way into my day to day scene

I'd be under the impression I was somewhere in between

With only two just me and you not so many things we got to do

Or places we got to be we'll sit beneath the mango tree now

MMM it's always better when we're together

Yeah, we'll look at the stars when we're together

Well, it's always better when we're together

Yeah, it's always better when we're together

I believe in memories they look so pretty when I sleep

Hey now, and when I wake up, you look so pretty sleeping next to me

But there is not enough time, and there is no, no song I could sing

And there is no, combination of words I could say

But I will still tell you one thing, we're better together.

End with: F – F/E – Dm – C5 | Bb – Bb/A – Gm – C5 (then)

F – F/E – Dm – C5 | Bb – Bb/A – Gm – C5 - F