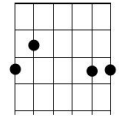


# Norwegian Wood

by John Lennon and Paul McCartney (1965)

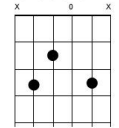
*D* *D* *D*<sup>(1/2)</sup> *Csus2*<sup>(1/2)</sup> *D*  
 I once had a girl or should I say she once had me  
*D* *D* *D*<sup>(1/2)</sup> *Csus2*<sup>(1/2)</sup> *D*  
 She showed me her room isn't it good Norwegian wood

G major



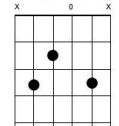
*Dm* *Dm* *Em7* *G*  
 She asked me to stay and she told me to sit anywhere  
*Dm* *Dm* *Em7* *A7*  
 But I looked around and I noticed there wasn't a chair

C add 9



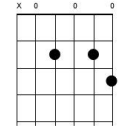
*D* *D* *D*<sup>(1/2)</sup> *Csus2*<sup>(1/2)</sup> *D*  
 I sat on a rug biding my time drinking her wine  
*D* *D* *D*<sup>(1/2)</sup> *Csus2*<sup>(1/2)</sup> *D*  
 We talked until two and then she said it's time for bed

C add 9



*Dm* *Dm* *Em7* *G*  
 She told me she worked in the morning and started to laugh  
*Dm* *Dm* *Em7* *A7*  
 I told her I didn't and crawled off to sleep in the bath

A7



*D* *D* *D*<sup>(1/2)</sup> *Csus2*<sup>(1/2)</sup> *D*  
 And when I awoke I was alone this bird had flown  
*D* *D* *D*<sup>(1/2)</sup> *Csus2*<sup>(1/2)</sup> *D*  
 So I lit a fire isn't it good, Norwegian wood?

*Norwegian Wood (This Bird Has Flown)* is in 12/8 time (essentially 4/4 time where each beat is a triplet). The song was written by Lennon and McCartney—in the original, on the *Rubber Soul* album, a sitar was used. The drone of the 'D' on the second string, when used as a drone throughout the song, simulates the sitar. Norwegian Wood refers to the floor boards of flats in Britain. After a night of failed romance ("Knowing She Would"), the would-be lover sets fire to the apartment before leaving.