

Grandma's Hands

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E minor to E sus 4 to E minor riff

1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &
A|2-2-2-2-----|
E|3-3-5-3-----|
C|4-4-4-4-----|
g|-----|

*note the second beat on the E string goes from the 3rd to 5th fret, changing the chord from E minor to E sus 4 for one half beat.

B7 Fingerpicking pattern

1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &
A|-----2-2---x---|
E|--2-----2---x---|
C|----3---3---x---|
G|2-----2---x---|

B7 - A7 fingerpicking turnaround at end of verse

1e& 2 & 3e& 4 & 1e& 2 & 3e& 4 & 1e& 2 & 3e& 4 &
A|----2-----0---|----2-----0---|----2-----0---|
E|-2-----0-----| -2-----0-----| -2-----0-----|
C|--3-----1-----| --3-----1-----| --3-----1-----|
G|2-----0-----| 2-----0-----| 2-----0-----|

* The third and final verse you'll play this part 5 times instead of 3.

[Intro]

Em - Esus4 - Em

Mmm-mm-mm, mmm-mm-mm.

[Verse 1]

Em - Esus4 - Em

Grandma's hands, clapped in church on Sunday morning,

B7

Grandma's hands, played a tambourine so well.

Em - Esus4 - Em

Grandma's hands, used to issue out a warning, she'd say;

B7

A7

B7

A7

"Billy don't you run so fast; might fall on a piece of glass,

B7

A7

"Might be snakes there in that grass",

Em - Esus4 - Em
Grandma's hands.
Em - Esus4 - Em

[Verse 2]

Em - Esus4 - Em
Grandma's hands, soothed a local un-wed mother,
Em - Esus4 - Em B7
Grandma's hands, used to ache sometimes and swell.
Em - Esus4 - Em
Grandma's hands, used to lift her face and tell her;
B7 A7 B7 A7
"Baby, Grandma understands, that you really love that man,
B7 A7
Put yourself in Jesus' hands",
Em - Esus4 - Em
Grandma's hands
Em - Esus4 - Em

[Verse 3]

Em - Esus4 - Em
Grandma's hands, used to hand me piece of candy,
Em - Esus4 - Em B7
Grandma's hands, picked me up each time I fell.
Em - Esus4 - Em
Grandma's hands, boy, they really came in handy, she'd say;
B7 A7 B7 A7
"Matty don't you whip that boy, what you want to spank him for?
B7 A7 B7 A7
He didn't drop no apple core", but I don't have Grandma any more.
B7 A7
If I get to Heaven, I'll look for,
Em - Esus4 - Em
Grandma's hands.
Em - Esus4 - Em
Mmm-mm-mm.