

Runs In The Family

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[Verse]

F **Am**
my friend has problems with winter and autumn
F **Am**
they give him prescriptions they shine bright lights on him
F **Am**
they say its genetic they say he cant help it
F **Am**
they say you can catch it - but sometimes you re born with it
F **Am**
my friend has blight he gets shakes in the night
F **Am**
and they say there is no way that they could have caught it in
F **Am**
time takes its toll on him it is traditional
F **Am**
it is inherited predisposition
Dm **E** **F**
all day i ve been wondering what is inside of me who can i blame for it
G
i say:

[Chorus]

Dm **F**
it runs in the family this famine that carries me
C **Bb**
to such great lengths to open my legs
Dm
up to anyone whoâ€™ll have me
F **C**
it runs in the family i come by it honestly
Bb **Dm** **F** **C** **Bb**
do what you want cause who knows it might fill me up

[Verse]

F **Am**
my friends depressed she s a wreck she s a mess
F **Am** **F**
theyâ€™ve done all sorts of tests and they guess it has something to do with her
grandmother
Am **F**
grandfathers grandmother civil war soldiers who
Am
badly infected her
F **Am** **F** **Am**
my friend has maladies rickets and allergies that she dates back to the 17th
century

F **Am** **F**
somehow she manages - in her misery - strips in the city
Am
and shares all her best tricks with
F **Am** **F**
me? well, i m well. well, i mean i m in hell. well, i still have my health
Am
(at least that s what they tell me)
F **Am**
if wellness is this, what in hells name is sickness?
F
but, business is business!
and business

[Verse]

Dm **F**
runs in the family we tend to bruise easily
C **Bb**
bad in the blood i m telling you â€˜cause
i just want you to know me
Dm **F**
know me and my family
C
weâ€™re wonderful folks
Bb **Dm** **F** **C** **Bb**
but don t get too close to me cause you might knock me up

[Verse]

F **Am**
mary have mercy now look what i ve done
F **Am**
but don t blame me because i cant tell where i come from
F **Am**
and running is something that weâ€™ve always done
F **Am**
well and mostly i canâ€™t even tell what i m running from

[Bridge]

Dm
i run from their pity
E
from responsibility
F
run from the country
G
and run from the city
Dm
i can run from the law
E
i can run from myself
F
i can run for my life
G

i can run into debt

Dm

i can run from it all

E

i can run till i m gone

F

i can run for the office

G

and run from the cause

[Verse]

Dm

E

i can run using every last ounce of energy

F

i cannot

i cannot

G

i cannot

Dm

run from my family

F

they re hiding inside me

C

corpses on ice

Bb

come in if you d like

Dm

but just don t tell my family

F

they d never forgive me

C

theyâ€™ll say that i m crazy

Bb

but they would say anything if it would

Dm

F

C

Bb

shut me up.....