

The Bed Song
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[Verse]

G
Exhibit A,
Bm **Em**
We are friends in a sleeping bag, splitting the heat
G **C** **G** **C**
We have one filthy pillow to share and your lips are in my hair
G **Bm**
Someone upstairs has a rat that we laughed at
Em
And people are drinking
G **C** **G** **C**
And singing Van Halen and Slayer on a ukulele tear

[Verse]

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Exhibit B
Bm
Well, we found an apartment
Em
It s not much to look at
G **C**
A futon on a floor
G **C**
Torn-off desktop for a door
G **Bm**
All the decor s made of milk crates and duct tape
Em
And if we have sex
G **C**
They can hear us through the floor
G **C**
But we don t do that anymore

[Chorus]

Em **G**
And I lay there wondering, what is the matter?
Em **G**
Is this a matter of worse or of better?
Em **G**
You took the blanket, so I took the bedsheet
Em **G**
But I would have held you if you d only
C
Let me

[Verse]

G

Exhibit C

Bm

Look how quaint

Em

And how quiet and private

G

C

Our paychecks have bought us a condo in town

G

C

It's the nicest flat around

G

Bm

You picked a mattress and had it delivered

Em

And I walked upstairs

G

C

And the sight of it made my heart pound

G

C

And I wrapped my arms around me

[Chorus]

Em

G

And I stood there wondering, what is the matter?

Em

G

Is this a matter of worse or of better?

Em

G

You walked right past me and straightened the covers

Em

G

C

But I would still love you if you wanted a lover

[Bridge]

C

Em

D/F#

G

Cdim/G#

Am

Bm

C

But you said, All the money in the world won't buy a bed so big and wide,

Em D/F# G

Cdim/G# Am

Bm

C

to guarantee that you won't accidentally touch me in the night.

[Verse]

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Exhibit D

Bm

Now we're both mostly paralyzed

Em

G

C

Don't know how long we've been lying here in fear

G

C

Too afraid to even feel

G

Bm

I find my glasses and you turn the light out

Em

Roll off on your side

G

C

Like you've rolled away for years

G

C

Holding back those king-size tears

[Chorus]

Em **G**
And I still don't ask you, what is the matter?
Em **G**
Is this a matter of worse or of better?
Em
You take the heart failure
G
I'll take the cancer
Em **G** **C**
I've long stopped wondering why you don't answer

[Verse]

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Exhibit E
Bm **Em**
You can certainly see how fulfilling a life
G **C** **G** **C**
From the cost and size of stone of our final resting home
G **Bm**
We got some nice ones right under a cherry tree
Em **G** **C**
You and me lying the only way we know
G **C**
Side by side and still and cold

[Outro]

Em **G**
And I finally ask you, what was the matter?
Em **G**
Was it a matter of worse or of better?
Em **G**
You stretch your arms out and finally face me
Em
You say I would have told you
G **C**
If you'd only asked me
G **C**
If you'd only asked me
G **C**
If you'd only asked me