

The Bed Song
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[Verse]

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

[Verse]

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

[Chorus]

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

[Verse]

F

Exhibit C

Am

Look how quaint

Dm

And how quiet and private

F

Bb

Our paychecks have bought us a condo in town

F

Bb

It s the nicest flat around

F

Am

You picked a mattress and had it delivered

Dm

And I walked upstairs

F

Bb

And the sight of it made my heart pound

F

Bb

And I wrapped my arms around me

[Chorus]

Dm

F

And I stood there wondering, what is the matter?

Dm

F

Is this a matter of worse or of better?

Dm

F

You walked right past me and straightened the covers

Dm

F

Bb

But I would still love you if you wanted a lover

[Bridge]

Bb

Dm

C/F#

F

Bbdim/G#

Gm

Am

Bb

But you said, All the money in the world won t buy a bed so big and wide,

Dm C/F# F

Bbdim/G# Gm

Am

Bb

to guarantee that you won t acci - dentally touch me in the night.

[Verse]

F

Exhibit D

Am

Now we re both mostly paralyzed

Dm

F

Bb

Don t know how long we ve been lying here in fear

F

Bb

Too afraid to even feel

F

Am

I find my glasses and you turn the light out

Dm

Roll off on your side

F

Bb

Like you ve rolled away for years

F

Bb

Holding back those king-size tears

[Chorus]

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

[Verse]

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

[Outro]

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