

The Bed Song
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[Verse]

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

[Verse]

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

[Chorus]

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

[Verse]

F#

Exhibit C

Bbm

Look how quaint

Ebm

And how quiet and private

F#

B

Our paychecks have bought us a condo in town

F#

B

It s the nicest flat around

F#

Bbm

You picked a mattress and had it delivered

Ebm

And I walked upstairs

F#

B

And the sight of it made my heart pound

F#

B

And I wrapped my arms around me

[Chorus]

Ebm

F#

And I stood there wondering, what is the matter?

Ebm

F#

Is this a matter of worse or of better?

Ebm

F#

You walked right past me and straightened the covers

Ebm

F#

B

But I would still love you if you wanted a lover

[Bridge]

B

Ebm

C#/F#

F#

Bdim/G#

G#m

Bbm

B

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

Ebm C#/F# F#

Bdim/G# G#m

Bbm

B

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

[Verse]

F#

Exhibit D

Bbm

Now we re both mostly paralyzed

Ebm

F#

B

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

F#

B

Too afraid to even feel

F#

Bbm

I find my glasses and you turn the light out

Ebm

Roll off on your side

F#

B

Like you ve rolled away for years

F#

B

Holding back those king-size tears

[Chorus]

Ebm

F#

And I still don't ask you, what is the matter?

Ebm

F#

Is this a matter of worse or of better?

Ebm

You take the heart failure

F#

I'll take the cancer

Ebm

F#

B

I've long stopped wondering why you don't answer

[Verse]

F#

Exhibit E

Bbm

Ebm

You can certainly see how fulfilling a life

F#

B

F#

B

From the cost and size of stone of our final resting home

F#

Bbm

We got some nice ones right under a cherry tree

Ebm

F#

B

You and me lying the only way we know

F#

B

Side by side and still and cold

[Outro]

Ebm

F#

And I finally ask you, what was the matter?

Ebm

F#

Was it a matter of worse or of better?

Ebm

F#

You stretch your arms out and finally face me

Ebm

You say I would have told you

F#

B

If you'd only asked me

F#

B

If you'd only asked me

F#

B

If you'd only asked me