

**Big Problem**  
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CAPO 5

**F#m D**  
The problem I have with the soul contraption  
**A E Bm**  
Swallowed up slowly like a bad reaction  
**F#m D**  
All around what you do and say  
**A E Bm**  
Well the symptom falls further away  
**F#m D**  
You live in silence but you can't describe it  
**A E Bm**  
So what's the point of talking at all?  
**F#m D**  
The store bought injury.. the family cane  
**A E Bm**  
Just another boy bad at the game  
**F#m D A E Bm**  
This is when you need a friend to keep you moving around  
**F#m D**  
Cause all your thinking has made you slow  
**A E Bm**  
You might be stopping out.. you know

**A F#m**  
Frustrated fireworks inside your head  
**F#m D**  
There's a lit fuse smoking.. you caught instead  
**A F#m**  
What you're dealing.. but it's just a start  
**F#m D**  
Was a time since your problem was a poison dart  
**A F#m**  
And you act like a cowboy.. whatever's in my hat  
**F#m D**  
I'm a hardboiled hero and I'm not so bad  
**A F#m**  
But I didn't know when to run from this

**F#m D**  
A proud fan is gonna see you shatter  
**A E Bm**  
I know that there really isn't anything the matter  
**F#m D**  
Nothing is gonna be crying words..  
**A E Bm**

They only want their voice to be heard

**F#m D**

They use it sometimes to show that they re around

**A E Bm**

Or they build you up a theory like the walls of a town

**F#m D**

A tired and ancient ruler right now..

**A E Bm**

The neighborhood slaves are hardly skilled

**A F#m**

Open your parachute and drop your weight

**F#m D**

Float on down to the center and investigate

**A F#m**

I did my self requirement

**F#m D**

Better cop out hard or I ll leave right now

**A F#m**

Cause this feeling of loving I felt it in my chest

**F#m D**

Like the nighttime footsteps of an unknown guest

**A F#m**

I know it wasn t me.. I wasn t moving..

**F#m D**

I felt thunder.. the rain was pouring

**A E Bm**

I know it must be something wrong all this is restoring

**F#m D**

You don t have to live in a life s mistake

**A E A**

Stay in the center and wait

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