

Better Off Dead
Elton John

[INTRO]

Ab/C Db
F/A Bbm
F Gb
Ab/C Db

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F/A Bbm
F Gb
Ab/C Db

[VERSE]

Db **Gb** **Db**
There was a face on a hoarding that someone had drawn on
Gb Db/F
And just enough time for the night to pass by without warning
Eb Ab Gb
Away in the distance there s a blue flashing light
Bbm Ab Db
Someone s in trouble somewhere tonight
Gb/Db Db Ab Gb
As the flickering neon stands ready to fuse
Gb/Db Db Ab Bbm
The wind blows away all of yesterday s news

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK 1]

Ab/C Db
F/A Bbm
F Gb
Ab/C Db

[VERSE]

Db **Gb** **Db**
Well they ve locked up their daughters and they battened the hatches
Gb Db/F
They always could find us but they never could catch us
Eb Ab Gb
Through the grease streaked windows of an all night cafe
Bbm Ab Db
We watched the arrested get taken away
Gb/Db Db Ab Gb
And that cigarette haze has ecology beat
Gb/Db Db Ab Bbm Bbsus4 Bbm
As the whores and the drunks filed in from the street

[CHORUS]

F F/A F/C F Bbm Bbm/Ab

Cause the steam s in the boiler the coal s in the fire

Gb

Ab

Db

If you ask how I am then I ll just say inspired

F **F/A** **F/C** **F** **Bbm** **Bbm/Ab**

If the thorn of a rose is the thorn in your side

Ebm

Ab

Db

Then you re better off dead if you haven t yet died

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK 2]

Ab/C **Db**

F/A **Bbm**

F **Gb**

Ab/C **Db**

Ab/C **Db**

F/A **Bbm**

F **Gb**

Ab/C **Db**

[CHORAL SECTION]

Db **Gb** **Db**

Db **Gb** **Db/F**

Eb **Ab** **Gb**

Bbm **Ab** **Db**

Gb/Db **Db** **Ab** **Gb**

Gb/Db **Db** **Ab** **Gb**

Bbm **Bbsus4** **Bbm**

[CHORUS]

F **F/A** **F/C** **F** **Bbm** **Bbm/Ab**

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Gb

Ab

Db

If you ask how I am then I ll just say inspired

F **F/A** **F/C** **F** **Bbm** **Bbm/Ab**

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Ebm

Ab

Db

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[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK 3]

Ab/C **Db**

F/A **Bbm**

F **Gb**

Ab/C **Db**

Ab/C **Db**

F/A **Bbm**

F **Gb**

Ab/C **Db**

[OUTRO]

Ab/C **Db**

Better off dead

F/A	Bbm
Better	off dead
Db/F	Gb
Better	off dead
Ab/C	Db
Better	off dead

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F/A	Bbm
Better	off dead
Db/F	Gb
Better	off dead
Ab/C	Db
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