

Poisoned Rose

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The Poisoned Rose
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(N.C.) **Eb** **Ab**
The poisoned rose
 Eb **Ab**
That you gave to me
 Eb **C**
It left me half alive
 F **Bb** **B9** **Bb** **Eb**
And half in ecstasy
 Eb7
But if half of your love
Ab7 **Adim7**
Is all I can win
Eb **C7**
Give me just a fraction
 F7 **Bb** **Eb** **Ab7** **Eb**
But no more medicine

 Bb **Bb+** **Eb** **Ab**
The poisoned rose
 Eb **Ab**
On a Valentine card
 Eb **C**
That you take straight to the heart
 F **Bb** **B9** **Bb** **Eb**
That you call my junkyard
 Eb7
But if all I can do
Ab7 **F7**
is save pieces of you
 Eb
The piece of your mind
 Eb7 **Ab7**
The piece of your heart
 Adim7
Didn t tear me apart
 F7
Like the poisoned rose
 Gm7 **Bb7** **Ab**
I received from you

Db9+11

I don t know

Eb

How we came to grow

Bb

Eb

F7

Into this very sad affair

Everytime we do the decent thing

B9

Bb9

Somebody spikes the drink

And a single becomes a pair

(N.C.)

Eb

Bb7

The poisoned rose

Eb7

Ab7

That you wear at your best

Eb

C7

That I keep pressed between the white sheets

F7

Bb

B9

Bb

Eb

Where you lie half undressed

I threw away my shirt and shoes

Eb7

Ab7

You looked and I dived in

F7

It s just you and me now

Eb

Cause I threw away the gin

I threw away your alibis

Eb7

Ab7

And all your worn-out clothes

I threw myself upon the floor

Adim7

But I couldn t throw away

Eb

Ab

This poisoned rose

Eb

Ab

This poisoned rose

(N.C.) **Eb**

This poisoned rose