

She Stayed As Steam
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This song is in standard tuning in the demo, and tuned a half step down when played live. (pretty accurate, definitely not perfect)

(All the chords in this section are palm muted power chords)

F **C**
all that music in your mouth
G **Am**
rivers rushing at your teeth
Bb **F**
cresting waves through wading valleys
Bb **F**
flooded language tributaries
Bb **F** **C/G**
connect and cover over me
F **C**
tensing jaw & cork screw eyelids
G **Am**
as if you couldn't bare to see
Bb **F**
all that water pouring from you
Bb **F**
collecting clouds inside the ballroom
Bb **F** **C/G** **Bb**
over people who don't know you

but darling i do

On do , begin this riff:

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(Return to palm-muted power chords)

F **C**
you trance yourself back towards the city
G **Am**
blood not moving to your feet
Bb **F**
your foot falls tentative and muffled
Bb **F**
automatic listless shuffle
Bb **F** **C/G**
your sidewalk scatter brain, cry uncle

F **C**
 you paint yourself back in your corner
G **Am**
 and look for her on your t.v.
Bb **F**
 it s friday night and i am hungry
Bb **F**
 for a hand, a mouth, a body
Bb **F** **C/G** **Bb**
 a love i wouldn t have to carry

(For the next section, either play the riff or the chords below)

..Mouth	..now	..canal	..town

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F/Bb
 a stitch in my mouth
Dm
 and i m untying now
F/Bb
 a concrete canal
Dm **G A**
 in a bomb border town

(return to palm muted power chords again)

Bb **Am**
 an echo in the rafters
Dm **G**
 reminding you there was a sound
 (D) | -7-----5---3- | **Dm**
 but you killed her in waves
C **F** **C**
 she stayed a steam to hiss at you now

(Stop palm muting here)

G	Gadd9	Am	Bb	F	Am	Bb	F	Am	Bb	F	C/G	C7
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Bb **F**
he killed her in waves
 Am **Dm**
but that s not today

(back to palm muting again)

Dm
so you breathe through your mouth
 Bb
try to calm yourself down
 F
and keep what you found
 A
and shout it out loud

(And stop palm muting again)

Dm
she can hover and hurt
 Bb
or dissolve to dirt
 F **A**
some prayer in you mouth
 G
and she might stay a steam
 C
so get to the beams
 F **A**
let you figure her out

G, Dm, Bb, F, Bb, F, Bb, C/G, C7, F