

Paper Tigers

Owl City

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Album: / (from Adam Young's blog)

Song: Paper Tigers

Key: A# | Capo: 3

Verse 1:

G/B **C** **D**
Well Iâ€™ve been huddled up alone

By the fire even though

G/B **C** **G** **D**
Iâ€™m not exactly feeling cold

G/B **C** **D**
And Iâ€™ve been bundled up for days

Too confused to be amazed

G/B **C** **G** **D**
At all the icy water in my veins

Pre-chorus:

C **G/B** **D** **C** **Em** **D**
Why do I feel so alone?

Verse 2:

G/B **C** **D**
Yeah Iâ€™ve been moving in and out

Of this old split-level house

G/B **C** **G** **D**
And Iâ€™d just as soon burn the whole place down

G/B **C** **D**
â€˜Cause I quit working lumberyards

To build a mansion out of cards

Am **C** **G** **D**
But I feel thin behind these paper walls

Pre-chorus:

C **G/B** **D** **C** **Em** **D**
Why do I feel so alone?

Chorus:

G D
Cause the angriest bark
Am C
Is always worse than the bite
G D
Like the ache in my chest
Em C
That my heart didnâ€™t invite
G D
But if the prettiest romance
Am C
Isnâ€™t perfectly right
Am G/B
That makes every love lost
C D
Just a holiday every night

Interlude (x2): **G Am G/B C G Am C D**

Verse 3:

G/B C D
Well Iâ€™ve been painting through the night

In the basement out of sight
G/B C G D
Brushing paper tigers black and white
G/B C D
â€™Cause come tomorrow afternoon

Iâ€™ll fill a helium balloon
Am C G D
And set them free into the baby blue sky

Pre-chorus:

C G/B D C Em D
So they wonâ€™t have to be alone

Chorus:

G D
Cause the angriest bark
Am C
Is always worse than the bite
G D
Like the ache in my chest
F C
That my heart didnâ€™t invite
G D
But if the prettiest romance

Am C
Isn't perfectly right
Am G/B
That makes every love lost
C D
Just a holiday every night

Bridge:

F C G D
But when I close these heavy lids after dark
F C
Each sweet dream is a target
D Em C D
And all my shots are so consistently wide of the mark

Chorus:

G D
Cause the angriest bark
Am C
Is always worse than the bite
G D
Like the ache in my chest
F C
That my heart didn't invite
G D
But if the prettiest romance
Am C
Isn't perfectly right
Am G/B
That makes every love lost
C D
Just a holiday every night
Am G/B C D
Just a holiday every night
Am G/B C D
Just a holiday every night

Interlude (x2):

G Am G/B C G Am C D
Just a holiday every night

G Am G/B C G Am C D

Ending:

G/B C D
Well I've been huddled up alone

By the fire even though

G/B **C** **G** **D**
Iâ€™m not exactly feeling cold

G/B **C** **D**
But how my heartache hit the trail

When a paper tiger tail

Am **C** **G** **D**
Fluttered down, I guess Iâ€™ll never know