

STRONG POISON

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Em **A7** **C** **D** **Em**
Let's take the medicine and see it through.
Em **Bm** **C** **D** **B7**
It's good for me, it might be good for you.
C **D** **Bm** **C**
The kind of potion that can kill or cure
A **B7**
And bring a hurting that we can't endure.
Em **A7** **C** **D** **Em**
Strong poison - it'll just cause you pain.
Em **A7** **C** **D** **C**
Strong poison - it'll drive you insane.
C **D** **G** **Em**
Strong poison may not leave us alive,
C **D** **C** **Bm**
But I don't know if I want to survive
Em
Strong poison.

There's an itch that's crawling 'cross your skin.
There's a fire that's burning deep within.
You feel the pain and you want to cry,
But you've stopped caring if you live or die.
Strong poison - it'll grant your dreams.
Strong poison - it'll make you scream.
Strong poison burning in your veins
Until the pain is all that remains.
Strong poison.

I hope and pray that I can find a way
To make them take this poison cup away.
But there's a sickness running out of control.
We need our medicine to make us whole.
Strong poison - best that you can find.
Strong poison - burning in our minds.
Strong poison - like a fire in reverse,
And I can't tell if we're better or worse.
Strong poison.

Medicine is poison by a different name.
We'll find that in the end that the result's the same.
I'm looking for a potion to cure all our ills --
The very next dose may be the one that kills.
Strong poison - it has caused me grief.
Strong poison - it just takes belief.
Strong poison will not let me be,
But I've got to find a way to be free.
Strong poison.

I wrote this song when my mother was in chemotherapy, proving, I suppose that inspiration can come from anywhere.