

# 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.*