

# BEST THING I NEVER HAD

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Moderate groove

The musical score is presented in three systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The tempo is marked 'Moderate groove'. The piano part includes a dynamic marking of *mp* (mezzo-piano). The guitar chords are indicated by diagrams above the vocal line.

**System 1:** Chords: F, Bb, Dm, C/E. Lyrics: \* What goes a - round comes back a - round. — Hey, my ba - by. What

**System 2:** Chords: F, Bb, Dm, C, F, Bb. Lyrics: goes a-round comes back a - round. — Hey, my ba - by. I say, what goes a-round comes back a - round. \_

**System 3:** Chords: Dm, C/E, F, Bb, Dm, C. Lyrics: — Hey, my ba - by. What goes a-round comes back a - round. There was \_

B $\flat$  F Dm C B $\flat$  F

a time — I thought — that you did  
 you're hurt, — boo - hoo. — Oh, — did you ex -

Dm C B $\flat$  F Dm C

ev - 'ry - thing right. — No lies, — no wrong. — Boy, I —  
 pect me to care? — You don't — de - serve — my tears. —

B $\flat$  F Dm C

— must - 've — been out - ta my mind. — So when I  
 I guess — that's why they ain't there. — When I think that

Gm7 Dm7 C Gm7

think of the time — } that I al - most loved — you, — you showed your ass — and I,  
 there was a time — }

Bbm6



Gm7



I saw the real — you. — Thank God, you blew — it. I thank

F/A



Bb



C



God I dodged a bul-let. I'm so o - ver you; — so, ba-by, good look - in' out. — I want-ed you bad, —

F



Bb



Dm



C



F



Bb



— I'm so through with that. — 'Cause hon - est - ly, you — turned out to be — the —

Dm



C



F



Bb



Dm



C



(best thing I nev - er had.) — You — turned out to be — the — (best thing I nev - er had.) —  
 { And I'm —  
 And I'll —

F Bb Dm C Bb

gon' al - ways be the (best thing you'll nev - er have.) } I bet it  
 nev - er be the (best thing you nev - er had.) }

1 C

sucks to be you right now. So sad,

2 C Dm

sucks to be you right now. I know you want me back.

Bbm/Db F/C

It's time to face the facts that I'm the one that's got a - way.

Bm7<sup>b</sup>5 B<sup>b</sup>

Lord knows \_ that it would take \_\_\_\_\_ an - oth - er place, \_\_\_\_\_ an - oth - er time, \_\_\_\_\_ an - oth - er

F/A Gm7 F/A

world, \_\_\_\_\_ an - oth - er life. \_\_\_\_\_ Thank God, I found the good in good - bye. \_\_\_\_\_

B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup>

\_\_\_\_\_ I used to want you so \_\_\_\_\_ bad, \_\_\_\_\_ I'm so through with that. \_\_\_\_\_

Dm C F B<sup>b</sup>

\_\_\_\_\_ 'Cause hon - est - ly, you \_\_\_\_\_ turned out to be \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_

Dm C F Bb

(best thing I nev - er had.) \_\_\_\_\_  
 You \_\_\_\_\_ turned out to be \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_

Dm C F Bb

(best thing I nev - er had.) \_\_\_\_\_  
 { And I \_\_\_\_\_ will al - ways be \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ }  
 { And I \_\_\_\_\_ will nev - er be \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ }

Dm C Bb

(best thing you nev - er had.) \_\_\_\_\_ I used to want you so bad, \_

2 Bb C

I bet it sucks to be you \_\_\_\_\_ right now.

F Bb Dm C/E F Bb

What goes a - round comes back a - round.  
Bet it

Dm C F Bb Dm C/E

sucks to be you — right What goes a - round comes back a - round. What  
Bet it sucks to be you — right now.

F Bb Dm C F

goes a - round comes back a - round.  
Bet it sucks to be you — right now. —