

## **The Jam - Town Called Malice**

***Start with Bass + organ  
Rhythm uke comes in later***

**F#m**

Better stop dreaming of a  
quiet life

**Em**

'Cause it's the one we'll never  
know

**F#m**

And quit running for that  
runaway bus

**Em**

'Cause those rosy days are few

**G**

And stop apologising,

**F#m**

For the things you've never  
done

**A**

'Cause time is short and life is  
cruel

**A7**

But it's up to us to change

**D**

This town called Malice

***Bass, organ + rhythm***

**F#m**

Rows and rows of disused milk

**Em**

Floats standing in the dairy  
yard

**F#m**

And a hundred lonely  
housewives

**Em**

Clutch empty milk bottles to  
their hearts

**G**

Hanging out their old love  
letters

**F#m**

On the lines to dry

**A**

It's enough to make you stop  
believing

**A7**

When tears come fast and  
furious

**D**

In this town called Malice

***Bass, organ + rhythm***

**F#m**

Ba-ba-ba-ba badda ba

**Em**

Ba ba badda ba oh

**F#m**

Ba-ba-ba-ba badda ba

**Em**

Ba ba badda baa

**G**

Struggle after struggle

**F#m**

Year after year

**A**

The atmosphere's a fine blend  
of ice

**A7**

I'm almost stone cold dead

**D**

In this town called Malice

***Bass, organ + rhythm***

**Db**  
 A whole street's belief  
**Bm**  
 in Sunday's roast beef  
**Dbm** **Bm**  
 Gets dashed against the Co-Op  
**A**  
 To either cut down on beer or the kids new gear  
**A7**  
 It's a big decision in this town called  
**D**  
 Malice  
 Oh, yeah

***Rhythm uke STOPS***  
***bass bit x2***  
***bass bit with organ bit x2***

bass bit
a----5-5-5-2-0-5-5-5-2-0-
e-----
c-----
g-----

**F#m**  
 The ghost of a steam train  
**Em**  
 Echoes down my track  
**F#m**  
 It's at the moment bound for nowhere  
**Em**  
 Just going round and round  
**G**  
 Playground kids and creaking swings  
**F#m**  
 Lost laughter in the breeze  
**A**  
 I could go on for hours and I probably will  
**A7**  
 But I'd sooner put some joy back in  
**D**  
 This town called Malice  
***keep playing bass + organ bit over last lines***  
 This town called Malice  
  
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