

## Stan Ridgway "Can't Complain"

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"How you doin' bert?  
"Wel, not so good Charlie. My back's gone out and I cut  
my finger kinda  
gnarly. The job's the same and so's the boss. He's still  
a big ass and my  
wallet got lost. My wife's sick in bed she says she'll  
never get well and  
all these kids today have gone to hell and all that  
government paperwork  
caught up with me, had to hire a beancounter for an  
outrageous fee. And I  
don't know if the chicken or the egg is to blame, but all  
things  
considered, I guess I can't complain..."  
"Cheer up," Charlies said, "things could be worse."  
"Well, yeah, I know, but did I tell you that my landlord's  
a cop, my  
neighbor's insane, but all things considered, I guess I  
can't compalin..."  
CHORUS  
Out on the water  
Where the sailing men all go  
The water's high while all the fish swim low  
"You know what Bert," Charlie said, "you got the wrong  
attitude. Sometimes  
life's a big game and tthe paths you can choose.  
Things may go wrong, but  
ya gotta stand tall."  
"Well I know," Bert said, "but well...that ain't all. My  
hair's falling  
out, the roof leaks when it rains, but all things  
considered, I guess I  
can't complain..."  
CHORUS  
"You know what Bert," Charlie said, "you're a real loser,  
so I'll see you  
next week if you live 'til then."  
And a Bert walked out on the sidewalk, ten floors up,  
two men lost control  
of a hoist at just the right time, and a big Steinway  
grand flattened  
Bert like a dime. And as a crowd gathered 'round and

asked, what was his  
name? and could it be the chicken or the egg to blame/  
Well, the only  
thing heard was that all things considered, he really  
couldn't complain.  
So if you're a loser in life and your gun's out of ammo,  
just remember  
this story about Bert and the piano. 'Cause if you can't  
string the bow  
and you're clean out of resin, someone may have  
planned for you a music  
lesson. So keep your eyes to the sky, it could be a  
brand name, and  
remember all things considered, you really can't  
complain....

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