They say I'm a man with thirst for blood In the eyes of the law I'm a stand up citizen And I can see that this will be trouble And you don't want me back around here again

I've been down on my luck Could only roll snake eyes So I will rise above you baby oh, yes I will rise

They say I'm a man that drinks too much
But in the grand scheme of things that's the best of me
You take me for everything that I've got
And you keep coming back to attack the rest of me

I've been down on my luck
Could only roll snake eyes
So I will rise above you baby
Like the lord of the flies
I should've shortened the rope
And told them to throw away the key
And I will rise above you baby
Oh yes, I will rise
I will rise

They say I'm a man that lost my way
But I never had a direction or a sign
And I could've just laid down and died
But I keep on going with my whiskey, beer and wine

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Hard road wouldn't want it any other
All told, I don't wanna be a wage slave
Can't you see I'm doing the best that I can
Be strong and carry yourself like a man