

# Back To The World

Curtis Mayfield

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Crawlin' through the trees  
Stuck in mud up to the knees  
Fightin' this damn war  
Wonderin' if the Lord knows what it's for

Six long years stretch  
An' we boys was in a hell of a mess  
I gotta keep my mind; take it slow  
Fightin' hard (for) what I don't know

I wanna get back home, I gotta get back home  
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I had a talk with little mom  
Strenuous face as she began to hum  
She said: "Boy, it's good to see ya.  
My prayers must've been with ya.  
And now that you're back and done  
Let me tell ya son  
The war was never won  
The war was never won"

In these city streets everywhere  
You gotta be careful where you move your feet; how you part your hair  
Do you think that God could never forgive this life we live?  
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Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh  
My, my , my, my  
It's so hard, it's so hard, it's so hard  
This life is so hard

I've been beaten up and robbed  
"Soldier boy ain't got no job"  
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Had a long old stretch of sacrifice  
Gettin' back home will be awful nice  
"Chile, your woman has long been gone"  
The doggone war just lasted too long  
People don't give a damn  
People don't give a damn  
People don't give a damn

So I'm standin' here in future shock  
Talkin' 'bout hard times, hard times, hard times  
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Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh  
My, my , my, my

It's so hard, it's so hard, it's so hard  
This life is so hard

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Uh huh. Back in the world  
Back in the world  
Uh huh, uh huh

Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh  
My, my , my, my  
It's so hard, it's so hard, it's so hard  
This life is so hard  
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Ooh ooh ooh hoo  
Ooh ooh ooh hoo