Billy left when he heard the call
He knew it would come some day
Someone's fight he believed to be right
For freedom of lands far away
The battle cry and the beat of the drum
Won the hearts of so many like him
There's no justice when you live by the gun
You can't turn back, there's no turning back

After the hurt is gone
I know I'll never run to the beat of the drum
I know we can't be strong
Until we learn to give, we learn to live, again

All alone as the shadows fall
You've lost all your will to survive
How could so many have been so wrong
Was it the glory or was it the pride
You don't know why you've gone this far
All you know is the fear of the gun
There's only pain when the love is gone
And you know it's wrong, you know it's wrong

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As he looked out across the hills He knew he would never be the same No battle cry, no beat of the drum No turning back, no turning back

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