

# Mike Ness, Ballad Of A Lonely Man

I'm young and I'm strong  
I've got this God forsaken world by the balls!  
I've got a one-way ticket to freedom  
Ain't no one gonna take it from me

I was a soldier, age twenty-one  
In a war I'm not sure what I was fighting for  
And yet I turned from a boy to man there  
Goodbye to innocence and a sweet sixteen

Chorus:  
My whole life I could not arrange  
My wicked ways I could never change  
Dont' try, don't try now to understand  
For this is the ballad of a lonely man

Close to me is a photograph  
Of a family left far, far behind  
At once I had love it that slipped away from  
I searched a lifetime but could not find

In a hospital bed, I'm violently ill  
Just one more drink nurse I swear to God!  
I've got my St. Anthony and my Whiskey  
Yes I'm a veteran of three foreign wars!

(Repeat Chorus)