Dropkick Murphys, The State Of Massachusetts

She had excuses and she chose to use them She was the victim of unspeakable abuses Her husband was violent, malicious and distant Her kids now belong to the state of Massachusetts

They've been taken away They've been taken away

[chorus:]

Billy was a bright one, Tommy's off his head Mother loved them both the same, at least that's what she said I don't predict the future, I don't care about the past Send them both to DSS, now you've had your chance The poison stole your babies The judges took your rights You can have your children -- or the night

I suppose you've been a victim
I suspect you may have lied
You've lost all ambition won't you give this thing a try
If you can't and you fail you won't be the only loser
These kids don't stand a chance with you in their future

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[chorus 1x]

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