

# Zero Down, The Way It Is

My father told me  
Son, it's OK to have ideals,  
but beliefs against your government well that won't pay your bills.  
You can raise your fists and publicly resist  
but in the end corruption still exists.

(Chorus)  
And no protest song will ever change the world.  
When everybody does exactly as they're told.  
In the end every man works for what is his.  
You can fight the world, but that's just how it is

You're words are not meaningless to me,  
I feel their honesty but it's my life that I gotta figure out for me.  
It's what I've always done, not what I have become  
and I know the consequences that will come.  
And if I never reach the world or speak to people's souls  
it's a passion that will not die as I grow old.  
It's what I choose to do  
it may not work for you but to myself I know I must be true.

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I am not ashamed to stand right where I've stood.  
My beliefs they are unchanged because I believe they should.  
And I'll measure my success one word at a time.  
If the truth is spoken will I stand the test of time.