



# BITTER TASTE

Billy Idol, Steve Stevens, 2 others

BILLY IDOL

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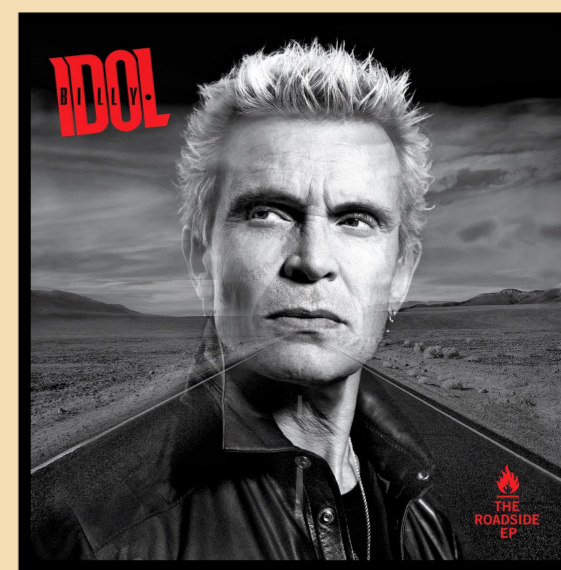
Dark Horse Records

The lead single from the EP **The Roadside**. Released in U.S.A. Sept 17, 2021.

Produced by **Butch Walker**.

This is Billy's first release of new material in 7 years. More of the early artists are releasing EP's instead of full albums late in their career. Like so many others, it was brought on by the pandemic. Idol had time to reflect on his life and thought back to his motorcycle accident in 1990. He seriously injured his leg and could not walk for almost a year.

-- Larry --



## Personnel

**Billy Idol** - lead vocals  
**Steve Stevens** - lead guitar  
(others)

## *Billy Idol + 2021: Press Release*

"I think everyone has been feeling more reflective (during the pandemic). So, it seemed quite logical and natural to write something about my motorcycle accident. Certainly, the motorcycle accident was the catharsis, the wake-up moment. A little bit of me got left on that roadside. But it wasn't necessarily a bad thing in the end; it was a wake-up call. Maybe on that roadside I left behind the irreverent youthful Billy and opened the door for a more attentive father and a more sensitive musician."

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The bitter taste  
On my tongue  
Many holes  
The damage done  
It's bittersweet  
Black on gold  
And talk is cheap  
Or so I'm told

I'm gonna ride this bike to the edge of town  
Roll to the bridge with my eyes shut  
And spit at the stars  
And scream in the dark  
There's nothing I can do to change it now  
But if I cut myself open, baby  
You can read all my scars  
Read all my scars

Hello, goodbye  
There's a million ways to die  
Should've left me way back  
Should've left me way back  
By the roadside  
Hello, goodbye  
I was staring in the devil's eyes  
Should've left me way back  
Should've left me way back  
By the roadside  
It's a bitter taste

Jagged stain  
On my skin  
Broken leg  
Born again  
Wide glide  
Upside down  
Twisted frame  
My new crown

I'm gonna ride this bike 'til the break of day  
Rollin' through the garden like the fountain  
Won't take it away  
I'm not gonna change  
I'm gonna live so hard, these broken wings  
Will lift me to the sun  
So I can burn up in the flames  
Again and again

Hello, goodbye  
There's a million ways to die  
Should've left me way back  
Should've left me way back  
By the roadside  
Hello, goodbye  
I was starin' in the devil's eyes  
Should've left me way back  
Should've left me way back  
By the roadside

It's a bitter taste (whoa oh, whoa oh)  
It's a jagged stain (whoa oh, whoa oh)  
It's a bitter taste, whoa oh, whoa oh  
It's a jagged stain, whoa oh, whoa oh

Hello, goodbye  
There's a million ways to die  
Should've left me way back  
Should've left me way back  
By the roadside  
It's a bitter taste