



SOLDIER ON

Dave Mustaine, Kiko Loureiro

MEGADETH

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The third single from the album **The Sick, the Dying... and the Dead!**. Chart: #36 (Mainstream Rock). Time - 4:54. Released in U.S.A. Aug. 12, 2022.

Recorded in Nashville, Tennessee, USA. Produced by **Dave Mustaine** and **Chris Rakestraw**.

While on the surface the song is about ending a toxic relationship in general or marching off to war, it is believed be be initially inspired by the ousting of bassist David Ellefson from the band. In May 2021, he was fired from the band for allegedly grooming an underage girl through messages and videos online. He has denied it. The album was the first in 6 years, the longest gap between studio albums in the band's history. Ellefson's removal from the band necessitated the re-recording of his bass parts already done by Di Giorgio. -- Larry --



Personnel

Dave Mustaine - lead vocals, lead/rhythm guitar, bass
Kiko Loureiro - lead guitar, backing vocals
Dirk Verbeuren - drums
Steve Di Giorgio - bass
Eric Darken - percussion
Roger Lima - keyboards, effects

Dave Mustaine - 2022:Guitar World

"For me, *Soldier On!* is about gathering your strength and saying, 'Wait! Not anymore. This may have happened. It may still be happening. But right now it stops and I'm gonna soldier on.'"

Dave Mustaine - 2022:press release

"Coming to the realization that you need to walk away from a relationship that's very toxic, and how hard it can be to start down that road. But you know you need to, and just taking that first step is the hardest part. Whatever your leaving does to them, you have to block that part out, stay the course and do what's right for you. It will be hard in the beginning, but you have got to live for yourself to be worth a damn to anyone else. You've got to *Soldier On!*"

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YOU TUBE Megadeth LIVE in General, Rockfest, 2022

No reason left for living, living all alone
And dying unforgiven, with unforgiven bones
Dead years, and the dread years

They were all throughout your life
The road was soon your mistress
And the stage became your wife, oh

Marching off to war, everyone can see
They're paralyzed with fear
They get down on their knees and pray

Of all the battles won and lost
The lives and treasures that it cost
I know I've got to soldier on

Watching mankind destroy itself
Walk straight into the mouth of hell
I know I've got to soldier on

No reason left for dying, dying to be right
Days, living unforgiven, and unforgiven nights
Lean years, and the mean years

They were all throughout your life
Two steps forward, and two steps back
You're out of time, oh no

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They're paralyzed with fear
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"Up for a run in the morning air
(Up for a run in the morning air)
I got no job, but I got long hair
(I got no job, but I got long hair)

I got no woman waiting back at home
(I got no woman waiting back at home)
I got all I need, I just soldier on
(I got all I need, I just soldier on)"