My, my, my, my

Back in the world Back in the world Back in the world Back in the world Crawlin' through the trees Stuck in mud up to the knees Fightin' this damn war Wonderin' if the Lord knows what it's for Six long years stretch An' we boys was in a hell of a mess I gotta keep my mind; take it slow Fightin' hard (for) what I don't know I wanna get back home, I gotta get back home Back to the world I had a talk with little mom Strenuous face as she began to hum She said: "Boy, it's good to see ya. My prayers must've been with ya. And now that you're back and done Let me tell ya son The war was never won The war was never won" In these city streets everywhere You gotta be careful where you move your feet; how you part your hair Do you think that God could never forgive this life we live? Back in the world Back in the world Oh-oh-oh-oh My, my, my, my It's so hard, it's so hard, it's so hard This life is so hard I've been beaten up and robbed "Soldier boy ain't got no job" Back in the world Back in the world Had a long old stretch of sacrifice Gettin' back home will be awful nice "Chile, your woman has long been gone" The doggone war just lasted too long People don't give a damn People don't give a damn People don't give a damn So I'm standin' here in future shock Talkin' 'bout hard times, hard times, hard times Back in the world Oh-oh-oh-oh

It's so hard, it's so hard, it's so hard This life is so hard

I been beaten up and robbed "Soldier boy ain't got no job" Back in the world

Back in the world Uh huh. Back in the world Back in the world Uh huh, uh huh

Oh-oh-oh-oh
My, my, my, my
It's so hard, it's so hard, it's so hard
This life is so hard
Back in the world

Ooh ooh ooh hoo