

## Smilin' in the End

REO Speedwagon

Can't really say it's been a good year  
I know I'll see better days  
Some things that shouldn't have been going on around here  
Have been going on anyways

I was face down in a pool of my own self-pity  
Gotta pick myself up and get out of this city  
Gotta leave before I hurt someone  
There's a place somewhere I'm gonna find  
Where I can feel safe and leave it all behind  
Gonna get away and have myself a little fun

'Cause you can knock me down, run me over  
Back up and run me down again  
You ain't the first - I've been treated worse  
Guess I oughta be more careful choosing my friends  
Well, you can leave me cold - I'll recover  
Say nasty things about my mother  
Well, you can beat me, mistreat me  
But guess who'll be smilin' in the end?

Playin' in bands since I was a kid  
Always part of the brotherhood  
But a lonely, only child  
Only barely understood

I was told I'd never make it so many times before  
The best and the brightest had shown me the door  
But the more they tried to hold me back, the stronger I got  
They said my songs were too simple, my voice was too weak  
Said I was too young, too dumb, too much of a freak  
They thought they could write me off  
But there's somethin' they forgot

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I won't say I ain't had my share of good luck  
Good luck is fine, it just ain't enough

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