

# Ball and Chain

## Social Distortion

Well it's been ten years and a thousand tears  
And look at the mess I'm in  
A broken nose and a broken heart,  
An empty bottle of gin  
Well I sit and I pray  
In my broken down Chevrolet  
While I'm singin' to myself  
There's got to be another way

Take away, take away  
Take away this ball and chain  
Well I'm lonely and I'm tired  
And I can't take any more pain  
Take away, take away  
Never to return again  
Take away, take away  
Take away  
Take away this ball and chain

Well I've searched and I've searched  
To find the perfect life  
A brand new car and a brand new suit  
I even got me a little wife  
But wherever I have gone  
I was sure to find myself there  
You can run all your life  
But not go anywhere

Take away, take away  
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Well I'm sick and I'm tired  
And I can't take any more pain  
Take away, take away  
Never to return again  
Take away, take away  
Take away  
Take away this ball and chain

Well I'll pass the bar on the way  
To my dingy hotel room  
I spent all my money  
I've been drinkin' since half past noon  
Well I'll wake there in the mornin'  
Or maybe in the county jail  
Times are hard getting harder  
I'm born to lose and destined to fail

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