

The Measure of a Man

[Elton John](#)

These battered hand are all you own
This broken heart has turned to stone
Go hang your glory on the wall
There comes a time when castles fall And all that's left is shifting in the sand
You're out of time, you're out of place
Look at your face, that's the measure of a man This coat that fits you like a glove
These dirty streets you learned to love
So welcome back my long lost friend
You've been to hell and back again God alone knows how you crossed that span
Back on the beat, back to the start
Trust in your heart, that's the measure of a man It's the fire in the eyes, the lines on the hand
It's the things you understand
Permanent ties from which you once ran
That's the measure of a man You've come full circle, now you're home
Without the gold, without the chrome
And this is where you've always been
You had to lose so you could win And rise above your troubles while you can
Now you can love, now you can lose
Now you can choose, that's the measure of a man

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