

# The Loneliness Of The Long Distance Runner

## Iron Maiden

Tough of the track  
With the wind  
And the rain that's beating down on your back  
Your heart's beating loud  
And goes on getting louder  
And goes on even more till the sound  
Is ringing in your head  
With every step you tread  
And every breath you take  
Determination makes  
You run, never stop  
Gotta win, gotta run till you drop  
Keep the pace, hold the race  
The mind is getting clearer  
You're over halfway there but the miles  
They never seem to end  
As if you're in a dream  
Not getting anywhere  
It seems so futile  
Run, on and on  
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I've got to keep running the course  
I've got to keep running and win at all costs  
I've got to keep going, be strong  
Must be so determined and push myself on  
Run over stiles, across fields  
Turn to look at who's on your heels  
Way ahead of the field  
The line is getting nearer  
But do you want the glory that goes?  
You reach the final stretch  
Ideals are just a trace  
You feel like throwing the race  
It's all so futile  
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