## Welcome to Struggleville

## **Edwin McCain**

All is quiet on the Western front,

There appears to be a lull.

John and Jane Doe are sleeping well tonight

With the little thoughts inside their skulls.

Salome she's undressed to the nines

Although a few pounds fatter.

She's got Pavlov's bells on her ankles and wrists,

She coming at you with her platter.

I stole down to the waterfront

To escape the desert heat.

What on earth you gotta do around here

To try and get yourself a drink

Heard John the Baptist preaching

"Make way for the King,

But if you wanna recognize him,

You gotta tell me all your sins"They are building a new gallows

For when You show up on the street.

Polishing the electric chair,

They're gonna give You a front row seat.

Heard a sneer outside the garden;

Salutation so well-heeled:

"Welcome all you suckers to Struggleville"I've been trying to negotiate peace

With my own existence.

She's gotta stockpile full of weaponry;

She breaking every cease-fire agreement.

Whole thing is full of decay

Just as sure as I'm made of dust,

And into rust I know the beast is falling. They are building a new gallows

For when You show up on the street.

Polishing the electric chair,

They're gonna give You a front row seat.

Heard a sneer outside the garden;

Salutation so well-heeled:

"Final Stop! No points beyond Struggleville,

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