

When All You Got Is a Hammer

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there's a bible on the table
there's a bottle on the shelf
there's a woman in the kitchen
 cryin' quietly to herself
down the hallway, in the bedroom
 he can hear his children wail
 when all you got is a hammer
 everything looks like a nail
well he came home from the desert
 with a medal on his chest
 like a hero, like a champion
 but he felt more like a guest
now he sleeps with one eye open
 and he wakes up scared as hell
 and all he's got is a hammer
 and everything looks like a nail
well they show you how to shoot and they show you how to kill
but they don't show you what to do with this hole that you can't fill
so you dwell in the darkness of your soul like Jonah in the belly of the whale
 and all you got is a hammer and everything looks like a nail
 when a good man in a bad dream
 can't make it on his own
when he can't feed his own damn children
 on the money that he brings home
 and the deck is stacked against him
 and he knows he's bound to fail
 and all he's got is a hammer
 everything looks like a nail

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