

Sadr City

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Honey, don't tell the boys that I'm talking like this
'Cause I can't have em thinking I'm scared
The truth is I ain't afraid of nothing no more
I'm tired and I just don't care. How many tours is too many tours?
My baby she'd like to know
Always nagging at the back of my mind is you're just there when I go. Never let them send me back to Sadr City
Never let them send me back
Some shit went down, down in Sadr City
Some shit went down in Iraq
I ain't going back. Well I was there in '04 when it first got hot
and Muqtada's local fighters emerged
Earned a purple heart via 762 and a second later during the surge
Didn't know nothing back then didn't care
It was get it on and kick us some ass
Couldn't tell a Sunni from a Shi'a from the Kurds
But they educated me pretty fast. Never let them send me back to Sadr City
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Some shit went down, down in Sadr City
Some shit went down in Iraq
I ain't going back. Well it was pretty touch and go from the very first night
Fiercest action I'd ever seen
Ambush come and we had to dismount
Get busy fight it out in the street. Well all hell broke loose, under fire from the roof
tops, Haji launching RPGs
Fighting running battles with militias in the alleys
Dragging on and on week after week. Taking hits at fifty meters from the Shrine nearby
But they wouldn't let us light up a Mosque
Then our tanks rolled in, real hard real heavy,
But they couldn't help the guys that we'd lost. Well I don't know if it matters to the folks back home
But they say they're all supporting the troops
There's no time anyway to be dwelling on that
Out here thinking's only for fools. And as long as there's no like a young man willing
To ride to the sound of the guns
I'll be waking up dreaming of the Mahdi Army,
And of both sides losing their sons. They ain't a gonna send me back to Sadr City
They ain't a gonna send me back
My orders came through and babe it isn't pretty
It's Afghanistan instead of Iraq
They're sending me back.

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