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## Golden Earring "The Fighter"

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He was young when I first saw

(maybe) 19 or so And I knew he would go places He'd never dreamt he'd go There was a certain something Impossible to hide Dynamite in both his hands It swept 'em all aside So they nicknamed hem the killer And he lived up to the name The guys that tried to fight him Never came out quite the same And man, the crowd just loved him In those up and coming days Carried him on their shoulders While they showered him with Praise Well, they loved him like a brother Cause he gave 'em all the thrills Carin' shit about no sef-defense Only going for the kill He took a beating now and then But stood there young and tough Never thought of backin' up When the going got too rough He came down like a shockwave The title easily won He just tore in there man, punching Taking two and landing one But that avalanche of punches Eventually took it's toll Like a constant drip of water Wears down the hardest stone And we all saw it comin' The inevitable fall The night he lost his title

And the title wasn't all

He just started slippin' Down skids slicker than grease His drawing power faded And the hero-worship ceased But he couldn't stop the fighting Custom-made for the trade While he blew away the money On friends succes had made I saw him fight again last night I wish I had been spared The sight of that poor old wreck For whom nobody no longer cared His eyes had lost their sparkle His legs hado lost their spring And it really was pathetic The way he stumbled through the ring While an upstart punched him dizzy Punched him silly bell to bell The lust mad hungry wolfpack Rode him to a far-ye-well Here's the same punks Who once worshipped His shrine when he was king Callin' him a coward And he was groping 'round the ring But he didn't seem to notice I thought he'll fight until he's dead He'll stay in there and take it And keep the wolf-pack fed He gave 'em his youth and all his power Now they were tearin' him apart My eyes grew dim and misty with tears For that brave and gallant heart Man if only I could have my way I'd know exactly what to do I'd pitch 'em right in there with him One by one and two by two I'd see him bash their empty heads Egg-like broken shells I'd jump up on my chair and yell For blood while down they fell I'd see 'em beg for mercy Groaning in the night What's wrong, you guys can't you take it?

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