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"Son of a Gun"

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Holy was the preacher
Riding on his rig of steel in the rising sun
This was no grim reaper
But a man with a smile who took a pride in a job well
done

Oooh, in a blood-red sunrise
He's preaching conversion as you lay down and die
(die)

Just a god-given holy roller
In a god-forsaken land
He didn't choose this killing ground
He didn't want this scrap of land

He's gonna scorch the earth (yeah)
And make the rivers run dry
Until we learn to hate like him
Oh, kill for killing, yeah; live to die

Ride on, you son of a gun
Ride on, ride into the setting sun
Ride on, you son of a gun (yeah)

Ride on, you son of a gun
Ride on, ride into the setting sun
Ride on, you son of a gun

You gotta be a hero
For one last time
To prove through your destruction
Killing is a great way of life

There's a wooden cross somewhere
Where they'll bury you down deep
You lie to your people - you lie to yourself
You're in love with death, man, you've got no shame

Ride on, you son of a gun
Ride on, ride into the setting sun
Ride on, you son of a gun (yeah)

Ride on, you son of a gun
Ride on, ride into the setting sun
Ride on, you son of a gun

The preacher laughed - the preacher cried
He loaded bullets as he smiled
The congregation sat and wondered
Would they live, or would they die?

Just an ordinary man
With his orders and his plans
In the shadows of a cross

Oooh, in a blood-red sunrise
Take me to jesus - with judas my guide

(yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah; no)
Ride on, you son of a gun
Ride on, ride into the setting sun
Ride on, you son of a gun (yeah)

Ride on, you son of a gun
Ride on, ride into the setting sun
Ride on, you son of a gun

(oh, yeah)
Ride on, ride on, ride on, yeah
Ride on, ride on, ride on, yeah
Ride on, ride into history, yeah

Ride on, ride on, you bleeding heart
Ride on, ride on, you played no part
Ride on, you feel no pity
Ride on, you feel no pain

Ride it into history

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