

## **Kevin Devine**

### **"Ballgame"**

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A good man doesn't drink  
And I've been drinking alone  
So what does that make me?

My hands they always shake  
And no one's calling my phone  
So what does that make me?

And I know the kid with his guitar  
So drunk and anxious  
Has been done to death  
But tell me what hasn't  
I'll try it

Because I'm selfish enough  
to wanna get better  
But I'm backwards enough  
not to take any steps to get there

And when you realize it's a pattern  
And not a phase  
It's what you've become  
And it's what you will stay  
That's ballgame

'Cause I don't got room in my life  
for anyone else  
And I've driven away all the  
people that could help  
And I still don't even know what I  
need to do to fix myself

And there's a clamp around my chest  
It tightens every time I lapse into  
Another sorry story

About my miserable collapse  
A bronze box I keep encased in glass  
And dust off whenever I want your pity

'Cause lately I've had to come to grips  
with scope and figure

How my problems stack up in a world  
two steps from ruin  
(Or maybe it's rapture)

Well, either way, I realize that my shit's  
about as small as it could be  
But that makes me feel worse for even feeling  
this bad in the first place

'Cause there's a war starting soon, and all  
the flags'll be waving  
And Daniel's 20-year-old friend will be ready,  
and willing, and waiting  
He's a Marine and he told me

And that makes me sad  
Really, really fucking sad  
But at least he'll act

I'll just bite my tongue and then say:  
"Daniel, you wish him luck"  
I pray that he comes back  
For his mother's sake, and then I'll drink  
those thoughts away  
I've gotten good at that

'Cause when you realize it's a pattern  
And not a phase  
It's what you've become  
And it's what you will stay  
That's ballgame  
Oh oh oh

Yeah when you realize it's a pattern  
And not a phase  
It's what you've become  
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