

## Victor Ly

### "Hometown Hero"

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He enters the world with this light in his eyes  
Feet on the ground, arms reaching for the sky  
Big plans to do good, nothing should go wrong  
A smile on his face, his heart beats to a song

He comes from a place where he was acclaimed  
From a time when everything he did brought fame  
Not too long ago, he decided to leave his town  
And on that day, people cheered and gathered around  
An old guy shouted, "Go out there and do your best!"  
He was happy the day that he started traveling west

The city lights guide him on his yellow brick road  
The world on his shoulders, oh, what a load!  
Everyone he meets, he tries his best to help  
He only cares for others, not for himself  
But time after time, riddles leave him confused  
Problems stump him, he gets tossed and abused  
Can't understand it, he thinks he's destined for this  
His job is to help, isn't that why he exists?

I meet him one morning when I look in the mirror  
I can barely recognize myself, oh, the horror!  
The smile is gone, black circles surround my eyes  
I am bent backwards; should I be surprised?  
What happened to all of my hopes and dreams?  
Nothing that I try to do works out, it seems  
There was a time when I actually helped, so long ago  
I realize I can't save the world, I'm only a hometown  
hero

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