

Todd Snider "Is This Thing On?"

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In the hallway of a high school
Anywhere USA
There was a bully pickin' on a different kid
It seemed like every day

A pack of back slapping buddies
Laughing, backing him all the way
His screaming girlfriend
Makin' believe in everything he'd say

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And then one day some kid
That he'd beat up a couple times before
Realized, to even his surprise
That he probably could indeed take more

And with that he hatched the evil plan
To make that devil pay
He walked up to him, in the middle of the gym
Found the nerve to say

You gonna hit somebody, today?
Gonna hit me, too
In fact, you're gonna hit me every day
'Cause now I'm picking on you

And as crazy as that might sound right now
I'm ain't stopping until I'm through
It's too late to beg for mercy
And now there's nothing you can do

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Well, that bully just laughed and laughed
Of course, and so did all of his friends
And he beat that kid unmercifully
For days and days on end

Only less and less impressively
To that girl and all his friends
Who would eventually, secretly
Start hoping, the kid might win

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Monday, they rolled around in dirt
Tuesday, they rolled in grass
Wednesday, they actually both got hurt
Throwing each other across

Thursday the mail, it was out by the dumpster
Friday study hard
A day in and out, year after year
Without ever letting up at all

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And now you'll never hear him say this 'cause
He thinks people still don't know
But winning the battle every day
Cost our bully the war a long time ago

And of all the scars he's got to show
For every blow that kid sneaks in
The worst one's knowing
That tomorrow he's going to have to get up
And fight that kid again

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