Fighter

There is something
Most people won't tell you about life
Either they haven't figured it out
Or they're just selfish to keep it bottled up inside

Either way it's one of those things
You have to figure out yourself
Go through those trials and tribulations
That some people like to call hell

You have to bear the anguish
Work through the pain,
Take blow after blow after blow
From the people around you
Telling you that there's no way
But put your head down
Keep moving forward
It's simple
The only way to get to your destination
Is to keep moving toward it

Don't lie to yourself and think
That it's easy
The fact is you are going to have to fight
For as long as you are breathing
So every time you get knocked down
You don't have a choice
Get up off that floor
Dust yourself off
Go out and get some more

You've already made it past rock bottom
Been beaten down and hurt more times than you can count
Can trying again really make it worse?
You're already in pain
Now get something out of it.

Profitable Slaughter

World leaders
When you turn a blind eye
To the slaughter of children
Do you think there's a place for you in heaven?
We will have to wait and see

But until then
You only help when there's something to profit
Don't get confused
I'm not a prophet
Only stating the obvious
That most world leaders
Only care about filling their pockets

Let's be honest
The powerful tend to support each other
Anyone outside the circle is no longer a brother
No longer family,
Simply a case of
"You scratch my back, I scratch yours,"
That's the only time presidents and ministers will respect
The law
And say that terrorism, genocide are wrong
God! Is this really what humanity has become?

Is this the legacy we want to leave
For our sons and daughters?
Telling them it's okay
For innocent people to be slaughtered,
As long as it's not in our own country.

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