

# What a Shame

## Shinedown

[Verse 1]

Two packs of cigarettes a day  
The strongest whiskey Kentucky can make  
That's a recipe  
To put a vagabond on his hands and knees  
I watched it all up close, I knew him more than most  
I saw a side of him he never showed  
Full of sympathy  
For a world that wouldn't let him be

[Pre-Chorus]

That's the man he was  
Have you heard enough?

[Chorus:]

What a shame, what a shame  
To judge a life that you can't change  
The choir sings, the church bells ring  
So, won't you give this man his wings?  
What a shame  
To have to beg you to see we're not all the same  
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[Verse 2]

There's a hard life for every silver spoon  
There's a touch of grey for every shade of blue  
That's the way that I see life  
If there was nothing wrong, then there'd be nothing right  
And for this working man they say could barely stand  
There's gotta be a better place to land  
Some kind of remedy  
For a world that wouldn't let him be

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[Chorus]

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[Bridge]  
God forgive the hands that laid you down  
They never knew how  
Much a broken heart can break the sound  
And change the seasons  
Now the leaves are falling faster  
Happily ever after  
You gave me hope through your endeavors  
And now you will live forever

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[Outro]  
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'Cause we're not all the same  
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