





# WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS

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## Lyrics

### Verse 1

I've paid my dues, time after time.  
I've done my sentence, but committed no crime.  
And bad mistakes, I've made a few.  
I've had my share of sand kicked in my face, but I've come through.  
And I need to go on and on and on and on.

### Verse 2

I've taken my bows, and my curtain calls.  
You brought me fame and fortune and everything that goes with it.  
I thanked you all.  
But it's been no bed of roses, no pleasure cruise.  
I consider it a challenge before all human race, and I'd never lose.  
And the meters go on and on and on and on.

### Chorus

We are the champions, my friends,  
And we'll keep on fighting 'til the end.  
We are the champions, we are the champions.  
No time for losers, 'cause we are the champions of the world.

Moderately Slow Rock ♩ = 60

2:03

### Verse 1

\*Gtr. 1 (clean)

Chords: Cm, Gm7/C, Cm, Gm7/C

Lyrics: 1. I've paid my dues, time after time. I've done' my

mf

let ring throughout

\*piano arr. for gtr.

Gtr. 1 tacet

Chords: Cm, Gm7/C, Cm, Gm7/C, Eb, Eb/sus4

Lyrics: sentence, but committed no crime. And bad mistakes, I've made a few.

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\*Gtr. 2 (clean)

\*two guitars arranged for one

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E $\flat$  E $\flat$ sus4 E $\flat$ 5 B $\flat$ /D C5 F B $\flat$ 5

Rhy. Fill 1

w/ dist.

I've had my share of sand kicked in my face, but I've come through. And I need to go

0:33

## Chorus

C5 F5 A5 D5 B $\flat$ 5 C5/G  
End Rhy. Fill 1 Rhy. Fig. 1

on and on and on and on. We are the champions, my friends, and

P.M. - - - - |

F5 A5 B $\flat$ 5 F $\sharp$  D/F $\sharp$  G5 C/G B $\flat$ 5 D $\flat$ 7

we'll keep on fighting 'til the end. We are the champions, we are the champions.

P.M. - - - - |

F5 E $\flat$ add9/G Fm/A $\flat$  B $\flat$  Cm11 End Rhy. Fig. 1

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Gr. 2 tacet

Fm Gm7/C Fm Gm7/C Fm Gm7/C

Gr. 1

Gr. 2 *divisi*

2. I've taken my

3:20

## Verse 2

Gr. 1 tacet

Gr. 2 Cm Gm7/C Cm Gm7/C Cm Gm7/C

bows, and my curtain calls. You brought me fame and fortune and everything that goes with it. I thanked

dist. off

Cm Gm7/C Eb Ebsus4 Eb Ebsus4

you all. But it's been no bed of roses, no pleasure cruise. I consider it a

Gr. 2: w/ Rhy. Fill 1

Gr. 3 (dist.)

Eb5 Bb/D C5 F Bb5 C5

challenge before all human race, and I'd never lose. And the meters go on and on and on and on.



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Gtr. 2: w/ Rhy. Fig. 1 (bars 4-8)

Chords: Bb5, F#°, D/F#, G5, C/G

Gtr. 3

'til the end. Ah, we are the champions,

Gtr. 2

Chords: Bb5, Db°7, F5, Ebadd9/G

Gtr. 3

we are the champions. No time for losers, 'cause

Chords: Fm/Ab, Bb, Cm11

Gtr. 3

we are the champions.

Gtr. 2 *divisi*