

# Tough as Nails

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So you're tough.  
Had to be.  
Grew up rough.  
Sad to see.  
Been around,  
Know the score.  
Bring it on.  
't's what I'm for.  
Done it all.  
Screw the world!  
Know the score.  
Punches hurled.  
Cut and battered  
As a kid.  
Lived in tattered  
Dive and skid.

Done it all,  
Smoked and lined.  
Hated women  
Who were kind.  
Prefer only  
One-night stand.  
Can't abide  
A preacher man.  
Don't come 'round here  
Spoutin' tripe,  
Talk forgiveness,  
Healin' stripes.  
You ain't buyin'  
Easy grace.  
You want ugly,  
In-your-face  
Truth.

*I'm a sinner.  
Yeah, so what?  
Think you'll put me  
On the spot?  
Just stop tryin'  
I'm not buyin.  
Find someone else,  
Someone who quails.  
Think again.  
I'm tough as nails.*

You're the man,  
The one I've chosen.  
I've plans for you  
'Fore life's door closin.'  
I've toughened you  
For plans I've made.  
I've sharpened too  
With Spirit's blade.  
I'm giving you  
A brand new heart  
And new life too,  
A brand new start.  
Your life is Mine,  
Born in a day  
To reach your kind  
Because you say,  
"I'm tough as nails."

My only Son,  
My sacrifice.  
Condemned, alone,  
He paid sin's price.  
He hung and died  
For men like you  
Whose strength is pride,  
Who speak hard truth.

You show you're tough  
By words and deeds.  
He stayed the course,  
In silence breathed.  
Asked Me "forgive"  
All those who killed:  
Ignorant men,  
Murder hearts filled.  
They didn't know  
All life's from Him.  
Their breath, their thoughts,  
Even whose their kin.  
If they knew,  
Their hearts would fail  
'Cause the cross proved  
He's tough as nails.

He's with you now,  
Stands toe-to-toe  
With you today  
To let you know  
You're the man  
He died to save,  
The one he wants  
From this life's grave.  
Look you in the eye  
Who without fail  
Knows sordid truth,  
Is tough as nails.

And so My call  
Is on you now  
And you won't run  
Or fall and cow.  
You'll meet His gaze,  
Honest with sin  
And take His grace  
And let Him in  
And learn this life's  
Hard training trails  
Made you His man:  
As tough as nails.