Failures

Many times I sit down and wonder about failures

I've seen many failures in my lifetime-some could be helped while others couldn't People have failed me as well as I have others-But you see my biggest problem with failures

Is the fact that people see you struggling or having problems but they fail to pick you up People claim they are concerned about you to everybody else But where are they when you need encouragement the most It doesn't matter to me what you tell Susie because I need to hear from you

I look at my life and see how things have gotten harder
Part of it is my fault-I kept stressing
As I kept stressing-I kept shoveling it in
Nobody noticed until it they saw me struggle with the stairs
Or until they heard the wheezing or heard my breath cut off in my sleep
I didn't ask for help cause I was scared
Some don't understand why I don't do as much as I could or should
But I am here to tell ya that it's hard when your ankles are weaker than
What they used to be and your back hurts like a Mike Tyson knock-out

I struggle a lot just to get dressed each day I can't even bend over to tie my own shoe That's not good cause I lost my spunk But I keep saying I'm not right but its ok Cause I'm gonna make it anyway

I used to be somebody's hero now I feel like a zero
I have the ultimate goal of saving the world but I can't do that
Because I can't even save my own world
So when you see me being antisocial or just sitting around
Think about the battle that I have to face everyday just to stay alive
Cause there is nights that I cry cause I am scared I might die in the night from
Heart failure or cause when my breath cut off-it doesn't cut back on

Don't criticize what I do
What I need is your support, your encouragement and your concern
I can't fight this battle alone
Yes this is my failure but the people around me
Helped me with this failure cause they dared to say a word until it was too late

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