

O RED SOX FOREVER AND EVER (2008 Edition)
Text, Music and Notes by
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I. O Red Sox Forever and Ever

O Red Sox forever and ever,
forever and ever Red Sox,
our solace, hope, and joy.
O immortal plays,
O betrayals,
O errors,
O top brass,
O walk-offs beyond our dreams,
O infinite, graceful game.
Forever and ever Red Sox,
world without end, forever.
O Red Sox forever and ever.

II. Ah! An Error!

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A slip in the great dance!
Yet are we not but human,
and our nature given
to the ebbs and flows of excellence?
But err I did again and again when,
with crushing, callous blame
dismiss the great heart and
sweeping career of Bill Buckner.
His error was as naught
compared with mine.

III. Exquisite Crumbling Ruin

Exquisite crumbling ruin, Fenway Park,
home away from home,
where peace drops like a quiet cloak around my shoulders.
I tread the upper walkway
from the right field stands
to the glorious left,
transistor to my ear,
Monster at my side,
hearing the crystalline calls of sweet Joe Castiglione,
who loves the game with perhaps the purest love of all.
Exquisite, crumbling ruin, Fenway Park.

IV. And What of that Betrayer?

And what of that betrayer,
who willingly donned pinstripes?
Not the Babe, the Blessed Babe,
the Babe who had no choice,
but Ruthless Roger.
May his heart ache; may tears fall from his eyes;
may his arm be heavy and sore weary;
may his Ks all be walks,
be walks,
be walks
be walks,
May he write and burn with shame
for this terrible, terrible crime.

V. O Red Sox, Amen

O Red Sox forever and ever,
forever and ever Red Sox.
And after four score and six
on our ancestors' graves
we whisper the glad tidings,
"Now rest in peace,
for we have won it all at last."
Forever and ever Red Sox,
world without end, forever.
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Amen.