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## **A Bass Drummers' Salute**

*Drake Howard*

I have known the pain that comes with a bass drum harness,  
Rich in back pain for those who only drum for the prospect of marching  
snare. The frustration of nine-lets, broken mallets, cold fingers,  
All of this encompassed by incessant back pain,  
That's enough to provide countless sleepless nights and chiropractic  
alignments. To endure this all just for the idea of marching snare while being  
Ridiculed for having it easy and humiliated for "not playing a real sport".  
Looking back on it I can see all of these tormented souls,  
Those who "aren't good enough" to play snare,  
And I see handwork and determination through it all,  
Through all the pain, Ibuprofen, and splinters,  
The bass drummers will stick through it,  
Marching to the beat of their own drum.