

= All the Way ( Eddie Vedder song ) =

" All the Way " ( also known as " ( Someday We 'll Go ) All the Way " and referred to as " Go All the Way " ) is a song written and performed by Evanston , Illinois native and Pearl Jam vocalist Eddie Vedder about the Chicago Cubs . It was first performed in public on August 2 , 2007 , recorded on August 21 , 2008 and August 22 , 2008 , and released as a single on September 18 , 2008 .

The Cubs franchise last won the World Series in 1908 , and Vedder has been a lifelong Cubs fan . The song , which fondly looks forward to the Cubs ' next World Series victory , was written with the encouragement of certain Chicago Cubs , most notably Ernie Banks . The song was first performed in Chicago and was recorded over two nights in 2008 at the end Vedder 's first solo tour .

= = Origin and recording = =

Although Pearl Jam vocalist Eddie Vedder , who was raised in Evanston , Illinois and later San Diego County , California , is closely associated with Seattle grunge music , he has been a lifelong Chicago Cubs fan . He has performed the song " Take Me Out to the Ball Game " during the seventh @-@ inning stretch at several Cubs games and thrown out the ceremonial first pitch at Wrigley Field . His first seventh @-@ inning stretch performance had been on Independence Day ( July 4 ) 1998 .

Vedder has attended the Cubs fantasy camp for several years . While attending the camp one year , former Cubs shortstop and first baseman Ernie Banks requested that Vedder write a song about the Cubs . Vedder wrote " All the Way " the night before the camp started and first performed it at Pearl Jam 's August 2 , 2007 concert at The Vic Theatre in Chicago with Cubs pitcher Kerry Wood and other Cubs players in attendance . On August 3 , 2007 , one day after " All the Way " was premiered live , Vedder performed " Take Me Out to the Ball Game " during the seventh @-@ inning stretch at Wrigley Field for the fourth time and threw out the first pitch for the first time . Vedder 's band , Pearl Jam , was in Chicago that week to perform at Lollapalooza , where the band was the headlining act for the three @-@ day festival that ended on August 5 , 2007 .

The version of " All the Way " heard on the commercial single release is mixed from recordings of the August 21 , 2008 and August 22 , 2008 solo performances of the song by Vedder at the Auditorium Theatre in Chicago . Vedder performed at the Auditorium Theatre on August 21 and August 22 , 2008 on a three @-@ week extension of his solo tour that began in Boston , Massachusetts at the Boston Opera House ( 1980 ) and ended in Chicago . The solo tour had originally begun in Vancouver , British Columbia , Canada at The Centre on April 2 , 2008 . This tour was Vedder 's first solo tour .

= = Lyrics = =

The 3 : 39 song is in the folk music genre , and it is perceived as a sing @-@ along sea chantey or drinking song . The lyrics to the song include lines such as " Our heroes wear pinstripes / Pinstripes in blue / Give us a chance to feel like heroes , too . " The song makes references to Ernie Banks , Wrigley Field , and a specific reference to Banks ' catch phrase of " Let 's play two ! " The refrain includes the phrase " Someday we 'll go all the way , Yeah , someday we 'll go all the way , " which anticipates the day the Cubs win the World Series , gives the song its name .

= = Release and reception = =

On September 18 , 2008 , " All the Way " was made available for digital download via Pearl Jam 's official website for US \$ 0 @. @ 99 . On approximately September 30 , 2008 , a CD single version was made available for purchase at select stores in the Chicago area . A souvenir 45 single format version is also a possibility . The digital download and CD single have been released with an associated single cover art image that is a modified version of the Wrigley Field outfield wall .

Philip K. Wrigley had employee Bill Veeck , Jr. add ivy to the outfield walls of Wrigley Field in

September 1937 . Wrigley Field is the home stadium for the Chicago Cubs , and its wall is well known for being covered in ivy except for a few select places where signs are present as well as doors to locker rooms and such . The brick is visible under the ivy at the stadium in locations where the signs designate the distance from the wall to home plate measured in feet . The cover art image replaces the distance with the words " All the Way " .

By the time of the single release , local Chicago radio stations and sports bars had begun to play the song in anticipation of the 2008 Cubs ' playoff run . The song is considered to be an earnest tribute to the Cubs . According to at least one source , the song is reminiscent of " A Hard Rain 's a @-@ Gonna Fall " by American singer @-@ songwriter Bob Dylan and much less upbeat than the song " Go , Cubs , Go " by American folk music singer @-@ songwriter Steve Goodman . The Huffington Post encourages listeners to compare the song to Goodman 's " Go , Cubs , Go " . Another source compares the song to American country @-@ folk singer @-@ songwriter John Prine 's 1974 song " Dear Abby " in terms of melody and cadence as well as the theme of Goodman 's " A Dying Cubs Fan ? s Last Request " .

At The Smashing Pumpkins ' November 20 , 2008 concert at the Chicago Theatre , frontman Billy Corgan criticized Vedder and the song . Corgan stated , " If the Cubs did have a chance this last year that just passed , fuckin ? Eddie Vedder killed that shit dead . Last I checked Eddie ain ? t living here , okay ? Eddie ain ? t living here to write a song about my fuckin ? team . "