

One by One

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VERSE 1

I wake up, sad some days
Sad that we, we let it get this way
Sad that we, haven't done more before

Life's precious, love's unique
Life's potential, unreleased
Life cut short, before it should
Loved ones gone, they're gone for good

CHORUS

One by one - the lives are lost
One by one - we mourn their loss
One by one - we count the cost
One by one is one too many

VERSE 2

A child lost, outlived by Dad and Mum
A mother lost, buried by her son
Families lost, names not carried on

Death can hit, when you cross the street
Death will play, where school kids meet
Death can happen, it moves so fast
It drives you home, you're not the last

CHORUS

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INTERLUDE

Too many a day, is too many for me
“Do not harm” is our decree
Enough is enough, the time to act is now

We can turn this terrible tide
Millions of people out there worldwide
Saving lives, we'll do what we can,
One's not enough, so let's give them a hand

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The [World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims](https://www.irap.org/one-by-one/) is held on the third Sunday of November. This day is dedicated to remembering the many millions killed or injured in road crashes and their families and communities. We also pay tribute to the dedicated emergency crews, police and medical professionals who deal with the traumatic aftermath of road death and injury on a daily basis.