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# Dropkick Murphys™ LL NEVER WALK ALONE (official audio)

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Dropkick Murphys have made their version of the classic Youll Never Walk Alone available today to fans who pre-order the bands ninth studio album, 11 Short Stories Of Pain & Glory, which will be released on January 6th through their label Born & Bred Records.



Known alternately as a haunting elegy from Rodgers & Hammersteins Carousel, a rousing soccer anthem sung by Liverpool F.C. fans, or an early Merseybeat hit made famous by Gerry and The Pacemakers, Youll Never Walk Alone is repurposed by Dropkick Murphys as a message of hope for, and solidarity with, those struggling with opiate addiction. Its a theme that the band revisits often on 11 Short Stories Of Pain & Glory, and one that they dont take lightly.

Dropkick Murphys have seen the trials and tribulations of the opiate epidemic ravaging the country and especially their native New England up close through work

with their charity The Claddagh Fund, which was created in part to support addiction recovery. But the epidemic hit home and hardest when lead vocalist Al Barrs brother-in-law died of an overdose.

Between Als loss and all the friends and people that I know, Id say Ive been to 50 wakes in the last three years, says singer/bassist Ken Casey. I was leaving another overdose wake and the song came on in the car, he adds. My music was on shuffle, and Youll Never Walk Alone randomly played. As I heard the chorus, Walk on, walk on with hope in your heart and youll never walk alone, it struck me how powerfully the song related to the struggle and how you dont have to do it alone.



### Dropkick Murphys History

Dropkick Murphys have become ambassadors for their city. In Boston, it seems like everybody knows someone connected to the band whether by blood, friendship, or the time they shared a brew at a Bruins game. Theyve built a legacy that does Beantown proud. Since their 1996 formation, theyve sold a staggering 4 million albums worldwide with 2005s *The Warriors Code* achieving an RIAA Gold certification and its smash single *Im Shipping Up To Boston* nearing double platinum and appearing during a key moment of Martin Scorseses Academy Award-winning *The Departed*. Most recently, 2013s *Signed And Sealed In Blood* netted their second consecutive Top 10 debut on the Billboard Top 200, and debuted at number 6 in Germany.

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The album spawned standout tracks The Boys Are Back, Out Of Our Heads, Prisoners Song, and Rose Tattoo, a fan favorite that has accumulated 24 million views on YouTube without the aid of being a radio hit. A special version of this song featuring the bands buddy Bruce Springsteen was released as a benefit for the Boston Marathon bombing victims. Theyve hosted sold out concerts at most of the citys landmarks, including Fenway Park, TD Garden, the Boston Pops, and even the last voyage of the USS Constitution. They updated the Boston Red Sox anthem Tessie in 2004, which may or may not have had something to do with the teams first World Series win in 86 years

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