

CHUVALO

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Before the Second World War came around
A child was born on the tough side of town
Born to defend in the neighbourhood
George Chuvalo, he was born to be good

He boxed in the street and he never got beat
And at the gym in the church he'd always come first
He boxed with the shadows and he boxed with the sun
Left, left, right, 'til the day was done

And he went fifteen rounds with Muhammad Ali
Float like a butterfly, sting like a bee
Fifteen rounds for the heavyweight crown
Fifteen rounds, he never went down

Then Jones was gone, Ramos never made a sound
Knocked Quarry out cold in the seventh round
Hit the big time as Canadian champ
Boxing with the best was George's training camp

Then he warred with Frasier and with Foreman too
Ninety-seven fights before he was through
Retired as champ in seventy-nine
Still tough as nails, but he'd done his time

But then the fight turned to invisible foes
Demons who fought with invisible blows
Demons who took three sons and a wife
Demons who knew how to take a man's life

So now he fights back at the enemy
Drugs that could know down anybody
He refused the the dark and he heads for the light
Cause George says: "Son, when you're a fighter you fight."