

## Steeltown

Big Country

Here I stand with my own kin  
At the end of everything  
Finally the dream is gone  
I've had enough of hanging on

I came here with all my friends  
Leaving behind the wait of years  
Leaving alone in a flood of tears  
Out on a prospect that never ends  
All the landscape was the mill  
Grim as the reaper with a heart like hell  
With a river of bodies flowing with the bell  
Here was a future for hands of skill

We built it all with our own hands  
But who could know we built on sand  
But now it's barren all too soon  
There is no miracle in ruin

We set the flame and it burned so blue  
With open eyes I watched it grow  
A sea of palms in an ocean of snow  
Hands with the courage to start anew  
Here was a home for the lost and scared  
Out of the yards and run dry dock  
The call of the steel that would never stop  
Here was a refuge for those who dared

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