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

In a steeltown When the heat's on I went down And the heat turned on me

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