

# The Great Wall of China

Billy Joel

Advice is cheap you can take it from me  
It's yours to keep 'cause opinions are free  
Nobody knows about the trouble I've seen  
Nobody's perfect, mister, nobody's clean  
It cost too much and takes too long to find out too late  
Some words are not heard 'til after they're spoken  
Your role was protective, your soul was too defective  
Some people just don't have a heart to be broken

We could have gone all the way to the Great Wall of China  
If you'd only had a little more faith in me  
In lieu of diamonds, gold and platinum reminders will still shine bright  
All the king's men and all the king's horses  
Can't put you together the way you used to be  
We could have been standing on the Great Wall of China

You take a piece of whatever you touch  
Too many pieces means you're touching too much  
You never win if you can't play it straight  
You only beat me if you get me to hate  
It must be so lonely to think that you have only  
Somebody else's life to live if they let you  
I ain't too selective, but it don't take no detective  
To find out how fast your friends will forget you

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Now all you're going to be is history  
Help yourself, it's all you can eat at the Empire Diner tonight  
You coulda had class, you coulda have been a contender  
Charlie, you shoulda looked out for me  
You could have been standing, standing on the Great Wall of China

This was not your calling, just look how far you've fallen  
I heard your story, man, you've got to be joking  
Keep things in perspective, this is my true objective  
Why tear this heart out if it's only been broken?  
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