## **Empire**

## Queensrÿche

Next message saved, Saturday at 9:24 p.m. Sorry, I'm just..... it's starting to hit me like a ummmm, ummmm... a 2 ton heavy thing. Last night the word came down Ten dead in Chinatown Innocent, their only crime was being in the wrong place at the wrong time Too bad, people say What's wrong with the kids today? I tell you right now they've got nothing to lose. They're building EMPIRE! Johnny used to work after school At the cinema show Gotta hustle if he wants an education, he's got a long way to go Now he's out on the street all day selling Crack to the people who pay Got an AK-47 for his best friend, business the American way. Eastside meets Westside downtown No time, the walls fall down Can't you feel it coming? EMPIRE! Can't you hear it calling? Black man trapped again Holds his chains in his hand Brother killing brother for the profit of another, game point, nobody wins Decline, right on time What happened to the dream sublime? Tear it all down we'll put it up again. Another EMPIRE? Eastside meets Westside downtown No time, (no time) the walls fall down Can't you feel it coming? EMPIRE! Can't you hear it calling? EMPIRE! Can't someone here stop it... ? In the fiscal year 1986 to 87. Local state and federal governments Spent up to a combined total of 60.6 million dollars on law enforcement. Federal law enforcement expenditures ranked last in absolute dollars, And accounted for only 6% of all federal spending. By way of comparison, the federal government spent 24 million more on space exploration, And 43 times more on national defense and international relations than on la w enforcement. Can't you feel it coming? EMPIRE! Can't you hear it calling? EMPIRE! Can't you feel it coming? EMPIRE! Can't you hear it calling? EMPIRE! Can't you feel it coming? EMPIRE!

Can't you hear it calling? EMPIRE! Can't you feel it coming? EMPIRE! Can someone hear us coming? EMPIRE!

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