

# End of an Empire

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The time is here  
Time to be brave, while others fear  
Fear the stars, the moon and the Holy Ghost  
It's what lurks in the dark that scares us the most  
You're damned if you do, you're damned if you don't  
What tomorrow brings is still the unknown  
But can you condone? How to atone?  
I'm so alone  
How can I know I won't bemoan?  
Every tale, needs it's star and knave  
Which part I play is yet to be unveiled  
History: just what's agreed  
Yet it will judge both you and me  
Shield and swords, will win you wars  
But in the end, the battle's for our hearts  
Fought by bards  
You look back in time  
No-one heard the bells chime  
You wonder how  
How could they this allow?  
Exactly the same  
Are the questions aimed your way  
When looking back on today  
The time is here  
Time to be brave, let others fear  
We know the walls will fall  
But out of the ashes a new day will dawn  
We've enslaved the world  
We have slaughtered, we've burned  
All, in the name of our faith  
Only a fool would expect  
Others to settle for anything less  
The tide is about to turn  
The sea has pulled away  
Like small children we play  
What is this?  
Come take a look at all these fish!  
As long as you spend  
There is more for you to lend  
Someone always saves us in the end  
The time is here  
Time to be brave, let others fear  
We know the walls will fall  
But out of the ashes a new day will dawn  
We've enslaved the world  
We have slaughtered, we've burned  
All, while knowing what is best  
Might take a year or ten,  
Generations of men,  
We've passed the point of no return  
Fifty-three days in fifty-three  
Fifty-three steps for you to acknowledge your defeat  
The last in line: Ultimus Romanorum  
Evolution through revolution  
A frozen river, enough to tip an empire  
Stalingrad, Waterloo, Bastille, Poltava, Stamford Bridge,  
At Manzikert □ it all would end.

Tough are times ahead  
With care you tread  
Before you know  
Out we need to bow  
Enjoy it while it lasts  
Soon forgotten in the past  
Our time here ended so fast  
Open your eyes  
Yourself apprise  
All empires find their demise  
The taller they are, the harder they fall  
The snowball  
Is on the roll  
Open your eyes  
Yourself apprise  
New powers are on the rise  
So strong is our faith, (in that) the world stays as is  
Until it hits, like shattering glass to bits  
How did this happen? How could this happen?  
How could the empire fall?