Ashes to Ashes

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Ashes to ashes, dust to dust

Ashes to ashes, dust to dustA long time ago before the ice and the snow

Giants walked this land each step they took

The mighty mountains shook and the trees took

A knee and the seas rolled in Then one day they say the sky gave way

And death rained down, and made a terrible sound

There was fire everywhere and nothin' was spared

That walked on the land or flew through the airWhen all was over the slate wiped clean with a touch

There God stood and He saw it was good

And He said, "Ashes to ashes and dust to dust" Ashes to ashes, dust to dust

Ashes to ashes, dust to dustThe sea gave birth and it crawled up on the dirt

And stood up and took a look around

Said, "I'm the next big thing and the gift that I bring

Comes directly from God, so there ain't no holdin' me down"So he crowned himself king now no one

remembers his name

But the seed that he sowed took the show on the road

There was blood on their hands and a plague on the land

They drew a line in the sand and made their last standGod made us in His image and it's in God that we trust

When asked about the men that had died by their hands

They said, "Ashes to ashes and dust to dust" Ashes to ashes, dust to dust

Ashes to ashes, dust to dustNow, nobody lives forever nothin' stands the test of time

Oh, you heard 'em say, "Never say never"

But it's always best to keep it in mind that every tower ever built tumbles

And no matter how strong, no matter how tallSomeday even great walls will crumble and every idol ever raised

falls

Someday even man's best laid plans will lie twisted and covered in rust

We've done all that we can but it slipped through our hands

And it's ashes to ashes and dust to dustAshes to ashes, dust to dust

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