## The Great Wall

## **Dead Kennedys**

Great Wall of China

It's so big, it's seen from outer space

Put there to keep starving neighbors

Behind the timeless gatesSo what's changed today?

Empires hoard more than they need

And peasants threaten our comfortWe'll build a great wall around our power

Build a great wall around our powerBankrupt L.A.'s streetcar line

So people pay more to drive

Plant strategic freeways

Divide neighborhoods by color linesWe'd rather pay for riot squads

Than pump the ghetto back to life

We let your schools decay on purposeTo build a great wall around the power

Build a great wall around the powerWarlords in gray suits

Take a different route to work each day

Second-hand, green berets

Form the companies' private armiesWe'll take all your gold

But won't teach reading or feed your poor

The League of Gentleman

Would rather feed guns to puppet dictatorsThere's too many people in your world

And refugees are expensive

When they trickled down onto our soil

We hunt them and arrest themClassify them insane

Put them back on the next plane

To the waiting arms

Of the same death squads they fled, yeahBuilt a great wall around the power

Worldwide great wall around the power

Economic great wall around the powerGive us your poor

Your tired and your weak

We'll send 'em right back

To their certain death

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