Empire

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Who's afraid of the sun?
Who'd question the goodness of the mighty?
We who banish the threat
When your little ones all go nighty-nightyWell, there's no time for doubt right now
And less time to explain
So get back on your horses
Kiss my ring, join our next campaignAnd the Empire grows with the news that we're winning
With more fear to conquer
And more gold thread for spinning
Bright as the sun, shining on everyoneSome would say that we forced our words
And we find that ingenuously churlish
Words are just words
Don't be so pessimistic, weak and girlishWe like strong and happy people
Who don't think there's something wrong with pride
Work makes them free
And we spread that freedom far and wideAnd the Empire grows, the seeds of its glory
For every five tanks, plant a sentimental story
Till they worship the sun
Even Christ loving onesAnd we'll kill the terror who rises
And a million of their races
But when our people torture you
That's a few random casesDon't question the sun, it doesn't help anyoneBut the journalist cried out
"When it was too late to stop us
Everyone had awakened to the dream
They could enter our Colossus"And now I'm right, here you said I'm right
There's nothing that can harm me
'Cause the sun never sets
On my dungeons or my armyAnd the Empire fell
On its own splintered axis
And the Emperor wanes
As the silver moon waxesAnd the farmers will find our coins
In their strawberry fields
While somebody somewhere
Twists his ring as someone kneelsOh where is the sun shining for everyone?
Oh where is the sun shining for everyone?

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