

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-nighty
Well, 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 campaign
And 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 everyone
Some would say that we forced our words
And we find that ingenuously churlish
Words are just words
Don't be so pessimistic, weak and girlish
We 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 wide
And the Empire grows, the seeds of its glory
For every five tanks, plant a sentimental story
Till they worship the sun
Even Christ loving ones
And we'll kill the terror who rises
And a million of their races
But when our people torture you
That's a few random cases
Don't question the sun, it doesn't help anyone
But 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 army
And the Empire fell
On its own splintered axis
And the Emperor wanes
As the silver moon waxes
And the farmers will find our coins
In their strawberry fields
While somebody somewhere
Twists his ring as someone kneels
Oh where is the sun shining for everyone?
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