

DUST TO DUST, ASHES TO ASHES

5-18-14

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- 1. Behold the tower of the mighty!**
In its power and reign of stain, pain and glory
Collapse , collapse before our very eyes
in traps its own alluring usury buys
– but never “a curing” in its word to the wise
– ever-enduring — just one more of its lies
It sighs, it cries, it cries
as it dies, as it dies.

* **REFRAIN:** Dust to dust Ashes to ashes
As all we’ve built turns to rust
in death throes and anguished thrashes.
All its gold turns to mold
in bold civilization and culture clashes.

From dust to dust, from ashes to ashes
Run from its fall that encompasses all
as it crashes, as it crashes;
And make no mistake
from dust to dust, from ashes to ashes,
it crashes!

- 2. Behold the tower of these vain breeds**
their gold, their power and insane misdeeds
from minute to hour this parasite feeds
till it finally would devour even the last seeds
of all that gives life and all that remains
destroyed, traded away for purposeless gains
where the beast of Babylon reigns
– and would ever reign, in vain.
- 3. Behold! Behold! What they’ve bought, what they’ve sold!**
And what it cost them, the loss of their very souls
But the masses allow them their self-appointed roles
sleeping, while co-reaping all it tolls.
Like lemmings racing to the same trap of greed
embracing, chasing, grand illusions on which they feed
until they have all the nothing they so need
with emptiness overflowing from their bowls.

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- 4. Behold the many princes of Babylon!**
All told, the sum of what we've all become
Look around you, and if it doesn't astound you
reality-check what you've become bound to . . .
And who you serve in the final analysis
When you lose your nerve whose feet will you bow and kiss ?
In the final day will all your glory stashes
mean a thing as it dies, as it cries, as it crashes ?

[REPEAT REFRAIN ... FADEOUT]

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* Repeat refrain after each verse