

Blues Traveler, Fallen Empire

Here's to the fallen empire, and all the treasure there
Here's to the fallen empire, and I just don't care

A toast to the mighty buildings
That cluttered up the sky
And I'll drink to all those fine, brave lads
Who gave it their best try
The armies came on charging
But the battle lasted a day
By dawn the conquest halted there
And a handful rode away

So here's to the fallen empire, and all the treasure there
Here's to the fallen empire, and I just don't care

With the general dead and buried
The corporal of resource
Rallied up the small remains
Of once-undefeated force
Their final charge came quickly
Their horses seemed to fly
Each man knew an age had ended
Each man knew he'd die

So here's to the fallen empire, and all the treasure there
Hip hip hooray for the fallen empire, and I just don't care

The defenders made quick work of them
And the war was finally won
An era's culture grew no more
And a new era begun

The defenders, now the conquerors
Grow docile with desire
Their expansion surely justified now
All hail the new empire

So here's to the fallen empire, and all the treasure there
Here's to the fallen empire, and I just can't seem to care

You know, that was many empires ago
Many since have rose and fell
Many more shall rise under God and heaven
And ride off into hell
Their children have our faces
Their children we're among
And as I too dream, my turn draws near
Because I am that young

So here's to the fallen empire, and all the treasure there
Here's to the fallen empire, and I really don't care

I can hear it call to me
Like a wolf howls to the moon
You know, now there is no life up there
We'll colonize it soon
So here's to our falling empire
And all that's fine and fair
Come ride with me for an emperor's crown
I'm young and I just don't care

So here's to the fallen empire, and all the trouble there
Here's to the fallen empire, I'm a young man and I just don't care

