

# Alesana, Nero's Decay

our empire has fallen  
the columns came crashing down  
faster than children could outrun the shadows  
drunk with hysteria the survivors are running for their lives  
as precious dreams erupt before their very eyes

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but still the brilliant tale of our utopia survives  
tonight her beautiful exterior may crash and burn to ash  
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I hope I never have to live without her comfort  
but for now she dies... oh Rome! so full of majesty, you're gone...

wind chokes on the ashes as acrid smoke strangles the sun  
their jealous arrows ran, hollow drums pound at the gates  
breaking the din of screams  
our feeble offerings to forgotten Gods are left to rot in temples of their lust  
as they lay forth their plans to destroy our pride, our home

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...beg the flames for our mercy...  
these aged walls have seen too much  
to forget the past in the face of this final trial  
watch her crumble so true as mayhem cuts her down  
let them have our treasure, her voice lives on  
let them take our city for her splendor lives on

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