New Model Army, Higher Wall

We're out here on the borders with our favourite few possessions Traded stories whispered round the fire As shadows in the searchlights, mugshots in the files Waiting in the camps behind the wire Kick the door until it opens, what you have you cannot hold We are young, forever hungry, you are fat and growing old Still every day you try to build a higher wall

We pick the leaves of coca, we stack the crates of cola We wait upon the tables where you dine And learn from you not to accept the little that we're given To take the piece of silver where we can Now clutching at these papers in another office line We're staring from the darkness up at windows filled with light And every day you try to build a higher wall

In my town we used to pray to idols sent from far away From out beyond the dusty days, we heard your voices call And in your town the streets are cleaned The order stands, the sirens scream You talk of peace, vacation dreams - and reinforce the wall

Now in the queues at immigration, in the border zone We are your bastard children, all coming home And every day you try to build a higher wall Every day you try to build a higher wall But your money cannot stop us And you violence cannot stop us No you will never stop us with your higher wall