

# Steve Earle, Ashes To Ashes

(Steve Earle)

chorus

Ashes to ashes, dust to dust

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A long time ago before the ice and the snow

There were giants that walked this land

And with each step they took, the mighty mountains shook

And the trees took a knee and the seas rolled in

Then one day they say the sky gave way

And death rained down, it made a terrible sound

There was fire everywhere and nothin' was spared

That walked on the land or flew through the air

And when it all was over

The slate wiped clean with a touch

There God stood and he saw it was good

And He said "ashes to ashes and dust to dust";

chorus

Then the sea gave birth and it crawled up on the dirt

And stood up and took a look around

Said "I'm the next big thing and the gift that I bring

Comes directly from God, so there ain't no holdin' me down";

So he crowned himself king

Now no one remembers his name

But the seed that he sowed took the show on the road

There was blood on their hands and a plague on the land

They drew a line in the sand and made their last stand

They said "God made us in his image

And it's in God that we trust";

When asked about the men that had died by their hands

They said "ashes to ashes and dust to dust";

chorus

Now, nobody lives forever

Nothin' stands the test of time

Oh, you heard 'em say "never say never";

But it's always best to keep it in mind

That every tower ever built tumbles

No matter how strong, no matter how tall

Someday even great walls will crumble

And every idol ever raised falls

And someday even man's best laid plans

Will lie twisted and covered in rust

When we've done all that we can but it slipped through our hands

And it's ashes to ashes and dust to dust

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