

Beautiful Enemy

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I saw your flag
Another star, another stripe
What's your new bag?
Something real or just some hype
Tell me, what have you sown
Have you prospered and grown?
Why shouldn't you have your moments of genius
Just because our alliance broke with no
Civil words between us

Oh, my beautiful enemy, beautiful
I send my scorn and ridicule
You're not innocent
No, not innocent
No one's innocent

My nation's grand
Your name's not on any signs
It's so well-planned
And well-groomed and yet somehow
The past tornadoes through
People talk about you
Can't they see that your reign
Is steely and torturous?
I start thinking that I am sinking
Inside a hollow fortress

Oh, my enemy, beautiful enemy
My stride is slowed by memory but
Not innocent
No, not innocent
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In my furies of dream
The juries denounce you
There I stand with the upper hand
But in order to trounce you

I just keep getting above myself
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And so I'm worried but as I stated
Things can be complicated, but
You're my enemy
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The future's bright
There are new things we will love
It feels so right
Let's not make up or rise above
Yes, we are more corrupted
Happy and productive
We'll both live in a world of civilized
People
Though I've heard that my brand new church
Has a slightly higher steeple

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