Standing cold and scared on top of the hill
Then came the moment when I lost my will
I prayed for mercy, please don't take me away
Voices in the distance, beautiful
Somebody's calling beyond control
Have you ever felt desperation?
This whole world is filled with loss
We will regret it when we sleep
Promises never meant to keep
When all of the shadows lead
As a good man's hiding a dream
Do they know that the world's on fire?

Time has a price we can't afford An empty glass and an open door You get what you paid for in sweat And a voice says please don't forget

Do they know that the world's on fire?

Do they know that the time is now?

Do they know that you gotta stand up, stand up

Let your voice speak out

Do they know that it's time?

Caught in a maze you can't escape
The flickering lights, and the colored lens
The walls that we build just close in
Until we decide to begin
Are we distracted by the sun?
The gleaming jewels, and the beating drums
Is it going the distance we fear?
Have you heard that we're already here?

Do they know that the world's on fire?

Do they know that the time is now?

Do they know that you gotta stand up, stand up

Let your voice speak out

Do they know that the world's on fire?

Do they know that the time is here?

Do they know that you gotta stand up, stand up

Let your voice be clear

Do they know that it's time?

Some will say we've gone too far We're on the edge and in too deep Some will say we're too far gone You can't erase the tragedy