The Price of Glory

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Our energies were limitless 'Cause we played for the love of it The trophies? They're just symbols, It's the memories that really stick

Reality was our reward We made our people glorious Those suits made money But we boys made meaning. Who was really rich?

We overrode all levels Some young devils from the poor estates Our heroes were each other Brothers, so long as the game is played

Expectancy was on us all We started off with nothing more But knew that we could be the first To ditch the pits and go astray

But dreams and eras die They change their suits; we pay the price. Those of us who clung on, For more glory, we paid twice

Now children sing ancestral dirges And drink harder to be certain That the purpose buried with us Was a worthy sacrifice

But I'm glad I stuck around to see Those suits had more to lose than me Oblivion's traditional to us So we'll pay any fee

For one triumphant story Put you very best before me And we'll paint your city red To prove our people's dignity