

## Civilization epic rap

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We learned to band together and endeavour  
Clasp our hands together  
Man developed language, letters  
and incredible advantage  
Getting plans together  
But would we stand the test of time  
against the planet's reckless climate  
and its angry weather?  
Spread the sails  
and head West against the Gales  
and storms aboard Norse longboats  
with decks as dense as nails  
our aim was riding waves  
and fiding, claiming strange horizons  
invading islands  
Native populations slain with violence  
enslaved and made to aim skyward  
think of bigger things  
sphinxes, pyramids  
raise them high in the name of different kings  
The different things we've held sacred divine  
through places and times  
the range of supplications and rites  
through ages we find  
nations arise  
as old civilisations crumble to dust  
becoming strangers in time  
waiting to die  
replaced in the night  
the day breaks and the light changes  
illuminating newer human faces as fights rage  
the human race is facing the might  
of righteous states who would write  
the history books  
even if it took a knife's blade  
to find the right page  
Sengoku Jidai  
Men offered to die  
for the honour of a warrior's life  
The sun's coming and we're watching it rise  
as a new era's here  
it's as solid as iron  
pull the tongs from the fire  
strike the hammer to the anvil  
craft a weapon to bring an enemy to a standstill  
the blacksmith is the wizard  
that gives us these powers  
devour enemies  
leaping down from the siege towers  
the better the tech is  
the lesser effort to wreck it  
the less time to see their eyes  
and feel sympathetic  
never regret it  
a true knight never stays a true blade  
never says touché  
but would forever lay in blue rays of weathered glades

to demonstrate his never-ending dedication  
to the crusade  
reformation through flame  
and after the cremation is a new age  
time's quill is quick to spill its ink onto a new page  
the faces are the same as when in days gone  
but brains are cultivated  
thus creating the renaissance  
we're still using steel tools to stay strong  
replacing blades with greater trades  
pen and paper, song  
faith in god is tested  
hiding in the desert  
man excited, then enlightened  
by the scientific method  
tried describing its expresssion  
by inscribing his impression  
when applying it to heavenly bodies  
that everybody reckoned  
must have been made by a creator  
or a greater force  
nature's author faced examination never faced before  
the grace of horse and rider  
replaced with wars and violence  
debased the laws of science  
made the case for all the pious  
why us ut progress  
always leads to loads of mess  
the western region spread across the globe and coalesced  
settlers spread disease  
with effortless ease  
was it reckless or did it just happen inevitably?  
While evidentially we never can see  
through the lens of this century  
but there's no retreating now  
whether or not it was meant to be  
the seven seas were sailed  
navies prevailed  
leaving trails of devastation in their wake  
as people wailed  
a world of wonder plundered  
traded in the name of prograss  
but human nature's way  
shows we should expect no less  
oh yes  
struck by the realisation  
this is just civilisation  
in the natal stages of industrialisation  
trust me when I say  
that previous achievements are just child's play  
compared to this colossal school of thought  
we set the world ablaze with fossil fuel we brought  
it's an epiphany  
giving us pretty much infinite energy  
it's electricity  
Edsion  
Nikola Tesla  
Different inventors  
giving us everything we depend on  
whether it's engines, cinema, television or telecomms  
sending a message and spreading it on  
these unreal frontier chanel  
we develop the tech and then sell it on

the rell travels round  
with the speed of a machine gun's barrels  
machinery's a meaner beast  
and we're still in the saddle  
no need for cavalry  
battle superseded that with ease  
allies and axis  
charging each other like batteries  
a power vaccum allowing the superstates to flourish  
redistribute the food  
even if it means people are malnourished  
propaganda is the only view  
that you're allowed to publish  
'cause totalitarians are well aware  
of how to punish  
gunning down numbers countless  
for doubtless nothings that they've done  
but that won't stop subversive insurgents  
from coming out with courage  
using their power to the fullest  
whether creativity  
or demonstaring general realtivity  
evidently when we find time to be efficient  
Einsteinian clear vision  
can reaveal the precision behind the blinds  
nuclear fission  
despite derision  
physicists decide the mission  
is dividing, splitting atoms  
'til a blinding light is given  
quite efficient  
the divine right to mankind's plight is christened  
a minor decision  
hijacked by politicians  
but as long as they listen  
to the will of the people  
treat all as brilliant equals  
we can achieve more  
than we've ever conceived before  
leave this poor place  
please explore space  
Earth, she's a small base  
even more awaits  
I implore great leaders  
to lead with all the grace  
of which we're capable  
and be the autor of your fate  
band together and endeavour  
clasp our hands together  
as our ancestors have  
and stand the test of time forever