

## The Great Fire

am  
Ashes Ashes Ashes Ashes  
C am C  
Precious Ashes precious ashes  
am G am  
Ring around the rosies  
am G am  
A pocket full of posies  
am  
Ashes Ashes  
G am  
We all fall down.

am G  
A city in mourning, a city in plague.  
em am E  
The houses are barred, lives are at stake.  
am G  
The women are crying  
C E  
and strong men are sighing  
F dm am E7  
the rats are a-roaming and people are dying  
am E am  
The rich men have all fled the town -  
am E am  
Proud London is bound to go down.

A bakershop's oven brings forth more than bread:  
The fire burns on as the baker lies dead.  
And no one is knowing  
that embers are glowing  
The flames have escaped and the red seed is growing  
The fire will do as it must  
This city will soon burn to dust.

am G  
O Fire am I, the Great Fire you'll call me  
C E7  
I rage and I ravage, I reap and destroy  
am G  
O Fire am I, all world falls before me  
C E am  
My lust is in killing, I'm burning with joy.

The fires of heaven, the fires of hell  
No matter who sent them, the fires burn well  
To kill and to plunder  
tear houses asunder  
with flames bright as lightning and roaring like thunder.  
And when the cathedral is lost  
Folks know that the threshold's been crossed.

O Fire am I, the Great Fire you'll call me  
I rage and I ravage, I reap and destroy  
O Fire am I, all world falls before me  
My lust is in killing, I'm burning with joy.

For three days the fires push on, on, and on.  
Till east wind drops down and the battle is won  
With praying and fasting  
And gunpowder blasting  
They've saved the remains of the town everlasting  
And when finally fires drop dead  
Gone is but the very last rat.

O Fire am I, the Great Fire you'll call me  
I rage and I ravage, I reap and destroy  
O Fire am I, all world falls before me  
My lust is in killing, I'm burning with joy.

O Fire was I, the Great Fire you called me  
I raged and I ravaged, I reaped and destroyed  
O Fire was I, all world fell before me  
I've ended the plague, though I've left naught but void.