

# Why We Build The Wall

from Hadestown

[Hades:]

Why do we build the wall  
My children, my children?  
Why do we build the wall?

[Company:]

Why do we build the wall?  
We build the wall to keep us free  
That's why we build the wall  
We build the wall to keep us free

[Hades:]

How does the wall keep us free  
My children, my children?  
How does the wall keep us free?

[Company:]

How does the wall keep us free?  
The wall keeps out the enemy  
And we build the wall to keep us  
free  
That's why we build the wall  
We build the wall to keep us free

[Hades:]

Who do we call the enemy  
My children, my children?  
Who do we call the enemy?

[Company:]

Who do we call the enemy?  
The enemy is poverty  
And the wall keeps out the enemy  
And we build the wall to keep us  
free  
That's why we build the wall  
We build the wall to keep us free

[Hades:]

Because we have and they have  
not  
My children, my children  
Because they want what we have  
got

[Company:]

Because we have and they have  
not  
Because they want what we have  
got  
The enemy is poverty  
And the wall keeps out the enemy  
And we build the wall to keep us  
free  
That's why we build the wall  
We build the wall to keep us free

*(short instrumental section,  
getting softer)*

[Hades:]

What do we have that they should  
want

My children, my children?

What do we have that they should  
want?

[Eurydice:]

What do we have that they should  
want?

We have a wall to work upon

We have work and they have none

[Hades:]

And our work is never done!

My children, my children!

And the war is never won

[Hades & company:]

The enemy is poverty

And the wall keeps out the enemy

And we build the wall to keep us  
free

That's why we build the wall

We build the wall to keep us free

We build the wall to keep us free...

*(slowing down)*