

## Savatage

# "Sarajevo / This Is The Time"

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### a) Sarajevo

In the town of Sarajevo  
There's an old medieval square  
There's a church aside one corner  
Most believe was always there

It was built a thousand years before  
Any now were born  
And its glory was its belfry  
With its stones all gray and worn

Now there's a gargoyle on that belfry  
And he's been up there for years  
And he has watched and he has pondered  
What is laughter  
What are tears

For these peculiar institutions  
That are so well known to man  
When your heart is made of stone  
Are quite hard to understand

And he's never found his answers  
As he sees the years go by  
But he watches and he wonders  
With his stone unblinking eyes...

(it was the year of nineteen-ninety  
and the berlin wall was down  
and a thousand years regretted  
now laid buried in the ground)

(and the prophets read the future  
and the the omens all seemed kind  
in the classic words of dickens  
it's surely was the best of times)

### b) This is the time (1990)

Watching in silence  
I hesitate

It was not in the plain  
All of our lives we could  
Only wait  
If was not in our hands

And every war where we took the day  
They were all in our head  
And though in the dark we could dream at night  
They were better unsaid

But this is the time  
And this is the place  
And these are the signs  
That we must embrace

The moment is now  
In all history  
The time has arrived  
This is the one place to be

We placed our years in the hourglass  
They were never unearned  
Still we seemed destined to watch them pass  
It was never our turn

But this is the time  
And this is the place  
And those are the years  
That we must erase

The moment is now  
In all history  
If we had to choose  
This is the one place to be...

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