

In the Wake of Poseidon

King Crimson

Plato's spawn cold ivy eyes
Snare truth in bone and globe
Harlequins coin pointless games
Sneer jokes in parrot's robe Two women weep, Dame Scarlet Screen
Sheds sudden theater rain
Whilst dark in dream the Midnight Queen
Knows every human pain In air, fire, earth and water, world on the scales
Air, fire, earth and water, balance of change
World on the scales on the scales Bishop's kings spin judgment's blade
Scratch, "Faith", on nameless graves
Harvest hags Hoard ash and sand
Rack rope and chain for slaves Who fireside fear fermented words
Then rear to spoil the feast
Whilst in the aisle the mad man smiles
To him it matters least Heroes hands drain stones of blood
To whet the scaling knife
Magi blind with visions light
Net death in dread of life Their children kneel in Jesus till
They learn the price of nails
Whilst all around our mother earth
Waits balanced on the scales

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