

Bite

Comus

The wolf's laugh eerie cracks the humid night air
 The rabbit freezes the box in his lair
 The owl hoots shrilly searching the dark
The moon white fangs through the trees tall and stark
 Who would emerge on a night like this
Who would loose his bonds and greet the air with a hiss
 The battered Christian bows his head in despair
 The crown of sharp thorns revealed 'neath his hair
 His scrawny body worn thin by the trial
 Stands taut and painful on the pilgrim's last mile
 A million fleshy things converge upon the spot
 His eyes retort the atmosphere is hot
 Aah
 The wolf sniffs ivory fanged he bristles up his spine
 The fox smiles knowingly but dares not step out of line
Through the twisting crashing silence the broken Christian creeps
 Each footstep like a thunderclap amongst the trunky deeps
No bird makes sound no creature moves to break the gripping air
 And the Christian he raises his hands up to his mouth for a
 Whisper he cannot dare
 La-la-la-la-la...

The Christian wakes trembling with sweat
 The cell's dark walls stony and wet
 Metallic echoes as the bolts are drawn back
The door swings inward dull light through the crack
 The jailer looks indifferent to him
 A routine morning martyr's death for him
 A misty cold sad morning greets the Christian's haggard grin
The rope is slung and the noose is tied and the Christian's neck is thin
 The block is raised he stands erect the rope beneath his chin
They pull the block and the Christian drops he hangs above the sin

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