

# Haunted Shores

## Cradle of Filth

Herodias and I have led a phantom cavalcade  
Through veiled and pagan history  
Where superstitions reigned  
And Christendom sought to pervert  
But poets of my name Sang of penumbral victories  
That sorcery had claimed  
The Graal and mighty Caliburn  
As votive offerings to an England re-arisen  
Under vast majestic wings These are the shores whereto my soul  
Blood drenched and unredeemed  
Shalt seek solace in secrets told  
Through the whispers of a dream From the woods Pendragon, born  
I rose Arcturius a proud, audacious King  
Mantled in the vehemence of lust Death and destiny undaunted me  
I drew a throne divided  
In awe of the glorious battles won  
My dark Goddess provided Then treachery, a wingless beast  
Came crawling to my court  
And now I lie at cursed Camlann  
From wounds a traitor wrought I fear the Augean light  
Is sweeping through Camelot  
How bittersweet my triumphs seem,  
Now Autumnal leaves succumb to frost  
Morganna art thou near me? Languid, I wend my path to grave  
Cast my sword to the sulphyd grasp  
Of the naiad neath the silvered lake  
When waters stirred lay silent Mistress let the mists descend  
Thy tears cannot thaw Death's cold heart  
His sombre gaze defies legend  
More so than thine, else thy dew-lidded eyes Art for the Banshees song  
Or our souls entwined like vein upon  
The haunted shores of Avalon  
The haunted shores of Avalon Bury me in velvet dream  
Lest I unduly wake  
And seek to reconcile my thirst  
With the cowardly tailors of my fate Unleash mastiffs of snarling night  
To overthrow, plague and burn  
As slumber lures me 'mongst the dead  
To scheme of my return Archaic ghostly echoes breathe

Like thunder of the storm  
A tempest fools miscall divine  
As they crouch awaiting dawn  
Their ignorance has forged for  
Me over centuries a sword  
Burnished to flash like lightning  
On the precipice of war  
The wolves are dead in Albion  
Whilst the passive flocks roam free  
This my penetrant spearhead shalt pierce  
These foul, trespassing breeds

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