One Foul Step From the Abyss

Cradle of Filth

The feast of fools, 1308

As January slipped into the grip of winter

A leather leash tightened

'Round the throat of fate, fate, fate, fateAmidst the flock, disease and dementia

Night was blighted more than ever before

With screams of lust and obscene adventure

And scenes of raw debauchThe darkness was aroused with every kiss

And all who fell under it's spell

Were one foul step from the abyss

One foul step from the abyss, one foul stepSacred village there in all hallows fair

Feared the templars and their Queen

For Lilith compared to a royal nightmare

When she steered their tempestuous

Fever-dreamsThe beast was loose and beauty party

To the horrors of this sonorous whore

A seducer, Medusa, a frozen Hecate

Cloned, cloned, coned, clonedStealing seed, here needs were like a cancer

Growing stronger with each whimpering dog

Knelt before her, thirteen necromancers

Called from desert sands to this land of opportunity The darkness was aroused with every kiss

And all who fell under its spell

Were one foul step from the abyss

One foul step from the abyss, one foul stepLove was drugged by a copious vendor

A train of servants for here decadent games

Purring on rugs in fugs of opiate splendor

Vain Lilith spread her wings againStars, they gasped and comets in ovation

Lit the towers, very presence declared

They watch with lust, despair and veneration

For the Goddess scatted naked there The painted eye of the storm Plagues of sin, played to win

All hearts and souls in thrall

To her embraced, her fatal whims

Desire meant to conquer all Until that fateful day, 1308

With a force blessed by the Kings of Hate

Facing winter gray to disintegrate

Once noble hallsThe villagers in a belligerent horde

Fraught daughters fanning flames

Rose like pillars for their militant Lord

Thoughts of slaughter haranguing hot veinsThey assailed the fort beyond the woods

As the howling broke on the stroke of midnight

Many lost their sanity at what they
Fought, fought, fought Amidst those walls, creed of dementia
Annihilated by sheer weight of the surge
Put to the sword, freed from their calenture
The great estate was given straight to the churchOf Lilith, no limb ranked amongst the dead
But that she drank the blood of many men
That dark night, it was said

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