

Dies Irae

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Creed of eternal life I sore
Held my candle of light into the void
Risen from the dead I death's powers wed
In the name of the one with horns on head
Sleep of eternity withdrawn as dark upon
The life of mine drew the very end so near
The price another life the gospel of the
Horned one to spread shore to shore
Eternally his words let hear
Be silent listen to the wind crying out the
Answer to all mankind call from other
Side speech of horned divine
To end your search in hope to find
As sure night divides the day and as sure day divides the night
Raging flames is all that awaits us all on the other side
Doomed the very moment he calls
See his star ablaze his children
On the night the flames reach for the sky
Night is come to enter the never ending burning fire
Onto you all his word is given
Fear not reach to take his hand
Hear our master calling us his children
Eternal life is given death withdrawn
As wolves among sheep we have wandered
Victory lies beyond their spite and scorn
Even the heavens shall burn when we are gathered
Now when the flames reach for the sky
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