## **Charlatan's Host**

## Oh, Sleeper

Sleep takes its hold with a sinking pull
And now that I'm alone, this burst of light
Fills my lids and I'm awake to the songs of horror

Your ill-bought greatness, he's seen it all from the frameOne day you'll reap the seeds of a shadowed past And I can only hope I'm there

You tried to satisfy the thirst of a thousand ages

But built a stack of bones as your monument to dead vanityIt's just a shrine to the words you use to wreck Tell me, how can you sleep?

How can you just welcome the wine and throw out your nets?

You throw out your nets and set fame to bait the noose

Set fame to derail what's innocentWhy spare the life of inglorious waste? Why let him live?

He's just hunting your own

How can you just sit there and watch?

Because I love you more than you know

Look again and tell me what you seeIn the window was me, the massacres were all me

Oh God, please, please

Deliver the penalties for all of this from me

I'm not finding justice, no warrant for mercy

Don't give up on me, don't give up on meWhat happens when I turn and run again

And again, and again?

I will forgive you

And what happens when I lie to your face?

I will forgive youOh, my God, I can be so defiant to some one

Who's arms stretch to me

I will forgive

Don't give up on me, don't give up on me

I have forgiven youI'll awake to new purpose to fight this body

No longer will I play the dark shepherd

Let not my words be ripped from the throat of a horror

Oh, forgiver, where is justice in letting me live?

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