

Beauty Slept In Sodom

Cradle of Filth

Death, spirit me away, my anguished soul doth strain
On taut and twisted reins, yet, insatiate I remain
Like a proud, unfallen star that dares thee from afar
To calm my thunderous heart, else rend its knots apart
So I may never sing of jeweled skies o'er my strings
And love a wanton thing can plunge on burnt black wings
To hang amid the thorns in scarlet like velvet worn
About the clouded moon, who wanes in solitude
I am alone thirsting for the dark that lurks beneath marbled stone
What black witchcraft shalt prise thee from thy dreams
And what perverse world-strategy
Will wend its way with thee from sleep
Rouse my disease and with cadent naked dance
I shalt teach thee wisdom of darkness from earth and Red Sea
Light bearing Samael, coalesce with me
Twilight through Pagan city gates
Bred shadows play like twining snake
By candlelight, Thanateros rites
Death seduced and chaos wakes
Obsession grips, blind dragon fever
In throes of scythed orgasm, Eros dies
And Saturn rapes faith's lovelorn Diva
Upon a cyprean altar, stripped bare for sacrifice
Virtue births a demon
Pandora's box, unhinged, sets loose the night
Winged Lilith born for want of Eden
Fanning plumes of harlotry like pearls before the desert swine
The skies, they darken and the oceans part
Storm forth indignant Kraken, reborn Venus as thou art
Feasting at my banquet of Saturnalia
I call thee having wrestled the tides from lonely Diana
For thee Endymion, I forsake the cerements of this star-
flung tomb
Be with us come, unveil the ancient flame
Throw the cats our enemies desires menstrual stain
Eastern Devil eyes a cruel erotic plague
The Shekhina is in exile and the Israelites enslaved
Midnight, Jerusalem a tenebrous fantasy revelates to men
Their celestial walls crumble when walks the Xul
Born to the scarlet whore in Babylon
The centuries of wait have all but gone
Behold dark beauty stirs to conquer on and on
Now worship everything

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