Thick As Thieves

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Remember how it all began the apple and the fall of man

The price we pay so the people say Down the path of shame it led us dare to bite the hand that fed us Fairy tale the moral end, wheel of fortune never turns again Never turns again The worst of it is come and gone in the chaos of millennium In the falling out of the doomsday crowd Their last retreat is moving slow, they burn their bridges as they go The heretic is beautified, teach the Harlot's child to smile Wracked again by indecision, should we make that small incision? Testify to the bleeding heart inside We cart, we scratched, we ran, we slashed and when he opened up at last Found a cul-de-sac deep and black, smoke and ash Deep and black, smoke and ash The wicked King of Parody is kissing all his enemies On the seventh day of the seventh week The tyrant's voice is softer now but just for one forgiving hour Before the rise of his iron fist again, fist again I've to come tonight, I've come to know the way we are, the way we'll go And to measure this width of the wide abyss I come to you in restless sleep where all your dreams turn bittersweet With voodoo doll philosophies day glow holy trinities

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The crooked raft that leaves the shore, ferries drunken souls aboard Pilgrims march to compostle visions of their Saint in yellow Follow deep in trance lost in a catatonic dance Know no future damn the past, blind, warm, ecstatic, safe at last