

A Gothic Romance

Cradle of Filth

Evening minuetto in a castle by the sea
A jewel more radiant than the moon
Lowered her mask to meThe sublimest creature the Gods, full of fire
Would marvel at making their Queen
Infusing the air with her fragrant desire
And my heart reeled with grave poetryFrom grace I fell in love with her
Scent and feline lure and jade
Woodland eyes that ushered in the impurest
Erotic, laden fantasies amid this warm autumn nightShe lulled me away from the rich masquerade
And together we clung in the bloodletting moonlight
Pearled luna, what spell didst thou cast on me?
Her icy kiss fervoured my neckLike whispering waves 'pon Acheron's beach
In a whirl of sweet voices and statues
That phantomed the dying trees
This debauched seductress in black, took meIn a pale azured dawn like 'Ligeia' reborn
I tore free of my sleep sepulchre
On the sea misted lawn where stone figures, forlorn
Lamented the spectre of herBewildered and weak, yet with passion replete
I hungered for past overtures
The curse of unrest and her ardent caress
Came much more than my soul could endureI, at once, endeavored to see her again
Stirring from midnight's inertia
Knowing not even her name
On a thin precipice over carnal abyssI danced like a blind acolyte
Drunk on red wine, her dead lips on mine
Suffused with the perfume of nightFor hours I scoured the surrounding grounds
In vain that we might meet
When storm clouds broke, ashened, fatigued
I sought refuge in a cemeterySleep, usher dreams
Taint to nightmares from a sunless nether
Mistress of the dark
I now know what thou artScreams haunt my sleep
Dragged from nightmares
Thou hast wed together Lamia and Lemurs
Spawned thee leche to snare my fleshPortrait of the Dead Countess
Deep stained pain that I had dreamt
Flaunted demise, life's punishment
Leaving little strength to seal this wretched tombBut poised nectar within my stirs
Up feverous desire and morbid purpose to search

Through cobwebbed drapery to where she swoons
Goddess of the graveyard, of the tempest and moon
In flawless fatal beauty her very visage compels
Glimpses of a heaven where ghost companies fell
To mourning the loss of god in blackest velvet
Enrobed in their downfall like a swift silhouette
Fleeting, unshadowed
Thou art privy to my sin
Secrets dead, wouldst thou inflict
The cruel daylights upon my skin? Dost thou not want to worship me
With crimson sacrifice?
So my cunt may twitch against thy kiss
And weep with new-found life? Red roses for the devil's whore
Dark angels taste my tears
And whisper haunting requiems
Softly to mine ear
Need fires have lured abominations here
Nocturnal pulse
My veins spill forth their waters
Rent by lips I cherish most
Awash on her perfidious shores
Where drowning umbra o'er the stars
Ebon's graves where lovers whore
Like seraphim and Nahemah
Pluck out mine eyes, hasten, attest
Blind reason against thee, enchantress
For I must know, art thou not death?
My heart echoes bloodless and incensed
Doth temptation prowl night in vulvic revelry
Did not the Queen of Heaven come as devil to me?
On that fatal hallow's eve when we fled company
As the music swept around us in the crisp, fated leaves
Under horned Diana, where her bloodline was sewn
In a graveyard of angels rent in cool marbled stone
I am grieving the loss of life in sombre velvet
Enrobed in death's shadow like a swifter silhouette

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