## The Pain Is Still Mine

## **Ihsahn**

The word is easy

Dripping sweet and cocky from the tongue

Vaguely describing the taste of blood. A distant cry arise

From the fathomless well

That is my soul.

I can not hear the words

So I throw my heart in

Like a coin

And wish that it would sink forever. A purpose, a sacrifice

Or merely temptation?

Is my solitude anything but a perversion

Of my vanity?

I never cared for this weak inclination

This paranoid tendency

To flock.

And in between all the noise

All the guilt

A silence would carry my spirit away

From diminishing obsessions.

Away from fools and poisonous flies. The birth of a dreamer. Behold, an angel of vengeance

A lion

A sword of fire

Alas, the burden of my heart

Is violence undone

Pain unfulfilled

Silence.

When I finally cut deep

Into the flesh of guilt

The un-naked body of shame

And the veins of repentance

Open wide

Sending rivers of blood

Into my mouth

The pain is still mine.

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