## Midnight Shadows Crawl to Darken Counsel With Life

## **Cradle of Filth**

Sometimes I beheaded them with daggers, with punyards, with knives

Sometimes I suspended them in my room

From a pole or by a hook and cords and strangled them

And when they were languishing

I committed with them the evils of the flesh [Incomprehensible] The evening air laps thick about

The stagnant moat that Tiffauges claims as dusk now slips away

Where taught to run, the rotten tongue

Of a hotter Gtterdmerung has started licking like a flameWhispers in the dismal mist are full of crystal promises Black rites begun in earnest, ignite hell's hungry furnaceBehold the bold inauguration of the dark side

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The tide of blood is rising, his gifts will be providing Unmasked, the phantom Lord De Rais

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Their, throttled gasps tantamount to foreplay

And drooling razors next to come unspool red secrets from the youngThe moon grinned full, the games were chaste

When the children first arrived

Now midnight shadows crawl apace

To darken counsel with their livesFlesh and ecstasy, a sport to immortal vices of the highest order

Wherein devilry holds sway

Behind blind walls where these cockatrice squalled

Their songs of necronomicon, they spoke of Gilles De RaisBehold the bold inauguration of the dark side

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Handpicked was gently fed

To the sumptuous one in black and those

Whose lives were thrown in with the deadThe candles lit, the stage was set

As it was in sainted days

When censers swung and banners hung

On the siege of Orleans on the painted SeineNow the castle floats in the drifting fog, torn from it's moorings

Like a shipwreck dredged from hell

As innocents entreat a shifting God, their voices soaring

On a silver tide to heaven, on a knife edge as they fellThe blade would plunge in virulent arcs

Such wounds would stretch away

By the fireside, warmed to creative sparks

Of the monster Gilles De Rais, gilded Gilles De RaisComets vomited The restless bells of crime

Peeled back skin from broken bones

Of angels cut from the nicks of timeFestering faces with painted eyes

The prettiest kept to be thrust inside

Gaping necromantic from the mantle side

Caked in kissed goodbyes, caked in kissed goodbyesDays faded in decay, the stench of perfume lied No horror in the glades of man was left for Barron to provideSo unique was the beat of his poisoned heart And it's sordid, morbid crack

No further atrocity could possibly surpass
Unrewarded, bored he turned his backThe evening air laps thick about
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