Cradle of Filth, An Enemy Led The Tempest

As pride precedes the downfall So he took His place before the firewall Of dissonant choirs whose faith in one Was embraced in this wraith whose fate was hung

Between forgiveness and the damage done

An electric scent over drear decay Lent a violent surge to their serenades Through white glades as His winged parade Bent to silhouette and to sharpen dull razors

Within vast skies unversed in starkness His might grew And blew light hues to grey... And worse, a third of stars to darkness

Then thunder seethed
And wreathed in thickening night
A line was drawn midst wrong and right
And across the throat of thieves

As love fell choked, the tempest broke From Heaven's farthest shore Descending to eclipse all hope Repentance might stay holy war

He would not heel nor fake a bow Murmur curses to the wind Enraged, he raved in balrog howls Upon a storm firstborn of sin

Incensed anew, rebellious tore Like frenzied beasts of prey Through temple doors... Thrown east before the midnight masses

And where once bliss reigned so serene In sweeter glades Now veins ran openly... Like eyes that shed from kindred ashes

When suddenly There shone a hideous light And a voice like three insanities Soared up in thistled speech

"Thou hast bred hate where there dwelt none And for this grave mistake How thou art fallen Morning Sun The proud will be abased"

He would not heel nor fake a bow Murmur curses to the wind And lo, the wrath of god swept down...

"Thou art no more an angel filled With light, but a leech to be abhorred And thou shalt suffer My burning will"... Quoth this raven: "Nevermore"

Never fucking more

And with these words like heavy stone

Cast against that gilded throne With many legions still in tow He turned his wings to flee His eyes a picture of distaste Drawn to tears and in their place The dawn of time and fates to face Through all eternity...

I wept for him a deep red river
That ran like blood through scarred ravines
To sluice away the guilt that slithered
Like a serpent tongue to Eve
For once as I, in heaven climbed
Too high for truth to truly see
My sunken mind, drunken and blind
Saw the lie: The fool was Me...

Alone and cold, face to the crack Beyond the dark gates with no way back His crown of gold faded to black Like a bruise upon the heart that lingers

With thrill-kill culture shock wave lengths Of rope to hang high Ten commandments by... Snaked about his upraised fingers