## Cradle of Filth, How Many Tears To Nurture A Ro

Our time together ends, the sadness is over

I tried my best to make amends

But my heart grew cold and black

I have knelt before your altar

Read the missives from your psalters

In many ways, I was bound to falter

You gave me nothing back

Religious fervour got us no further

The Goddess silent to the zealots that serve her

Veneration, masturbation

Icons of deceit built on fluidic foundations

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These thoughts shall not prevail

For in our time, the ships had set sail

Disguise the hurt with wine and fire

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How many thorns to tear us both into pieces?

The night, the night grew chill

And in its arms, I fantasized

And fell into her darksome eyes

I woke upon the sand

The madness was over

I tried my best to understand

But my mind, bewitched, was gone

I had crawled within her garden

Seen the things that would make a soul harden

Saints and sinners all begging her pardon

I had hung upon her cross

The taste of bliss turned to venomous piss

Now the graven angels sing of loss

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Faith bled away from the shore that day

Nothing but the whispers of the vista at play

Advanced, answered my lonely prayers

My spent libations

Thunder coming with a pent frustration

You could have been my esteemed salvation

And we'd have had it all

If you'd only stepped from your pedestal

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