

# Emperor, Depraved

... he looked upon the world  
and saw that it was still depraved

as him  
though not like him  
for him, as all

but closed  
like them  
not him

unaware  
he was  
already caught within  
their cycle  
with them  
outside  
depraved

instinctive  
rebellion  
possessed  
by bestial despair  
he fought  
this law  
and broke  
the spell

"So, this is why I built my empire  
fled from the truths unto which they conspire"

in spirit born a stranger  
a counterpart in mind  
the seeker raised to bury  
a freak among the blind

encountered with mysteries  
on his mission to reverse their ways  
he sought a life among the dead  
with refuge in an endless maze

...before the silence...

"This can not be the purpose of my presence.  
What then is the call of my return?"