

# Cradle of Filth, Beauty Slept In Sodom

Death, spirit me away  
My anguished soul doth strain  
On taut and twisted reins  
Yet, insatiate I still remain  
Like a proud, unfalled star  
That dares thee from afar  
To calm my thund'rous heart  
Else, rend it's knots apart  
So I may never sing

Of jewelled skies o'er my strings  
And love, a wanton thing  
Can plunge on burnt, black wings  
To hang amid the thorns  
In scarlet, like velvet worn  
About the clouded moon  
Who wanes in solitude....

I am alone  
Thirsting for the dark  
That lurks beneath marbled stone  
What black witchcraft  
Shalt prise thee from thy dreams  
And what perverse world-strategy  
Will wend it's way with thee from sleep?

"Rouse my disease  
And with cadent naked dance I shalt teach  
Thee wisdom of darkness  
From earth and red sea

Lightbearing Samael  
Coalesce with me...."

Twilight  
Through pagan city gates  
Bred shadows play like twining snake  
By candlelight  
Thanateros rites  
Death seduced and chaos wakes....

Obsession grips, blindragon fever  
In throes of scythed orgasm, Eros dies  
And Saturn rapes faith's lovelorn Diva  
Upon a cyprean altar, stripped bare for sacrifice  
Virtue births a demon  
Pandora's box, unhinged, sets loose the night  
Winged lilith born for want of Eden  
Fanning plumes of harlotry  
Like pearls before the desert swine

The skies, they darken  
And the oceans part

Storm forth indignant Kraken  
Reborn Venus as thou art  
Feasting at my banquet  
Of Saturnalia  
I call thee having wrestled  
The tides from lonely Diana

"For thee Endymion  
I forsake the cerements of this star-flung tomb"

Be-with-us come  
Unveil the ancient flame  
Throw the cats our enemies  
Desire's menstrual strain  
Eastern Devil eyes  
A cruel erotic plague  
The Shekhina is in exile  
And the Israelites enslaved to shame

Midnight  
Jerusalem  
A tenebrous phantasy  
Revelates to men  
Their celestial walls crumble  
When walks the Xul  
Born to the scarlet whore in Babylon

The centuries of wait have all but gone  
Behold dark beauty stirs to conquer on and on

Now worship Everything