

# Cradle of Filth, Haunted Shores

Herodias and I have led a phantom cavalcade  
Through veiled and pagan history where superstitions reigned  
And Christendom sought to pervert, but poets of my name  
Sang of penumbral victories that sorcery had claimed  
The Graal and mighty Caliburn as votive offerings  
To an England rearsen under vast majestic wings

These are the shores whereto my soul  
Blood drenched and unredeemed  
Shalt seek solace in secrets told  
Through the whispers of a dream

From the woods Pendragon-born, I rose Arcturius  
A proud, audacious King mantled in the  
vehemence of lust  
Death and destiny undaunted me, I drew a throne divided  
In awe of the glorious battles won, my dark Goddess provided  
Then treachery, a wingless beast, came crawling to my court  
And now I lie at cursed Camlann, from wounds a traitor wrought

I fear the Augean light  
is sweeping through Camelot  
How bittersweet my triumphs seem,  
now Autumnal leaves succumb to frost  
Morganna art thou near me?  
Languid, I wend my path to grave  
Cast my sword to the sulphyd grasp  
Of the naiad neath the silvered lake  
When waters stirred lay silent

Mistress let the mists descend  
Thy tears cannot thaw Death's cold heart  
His sombre gaze defies legend  
More so than thine, else thy dew-lidded eyes  
Art for the Banshees song  
Or our souls entwined like vein upon  
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Bury me in velvet dream  
Lest I unduly wake  
And seek to reconcile my thirst  
With the cowardly tailors of my fate  
Unleash mastiffs of snarling night  
To overthrow, plague and burn  
As slumber lures me 'mongst the dead  
To scheme of my return

Archaic ghostly echoes breathe like thunder of the storm  
A tempest fools miscall divine as they crouch awaiting dawn  
Their ignorance has forged for me over  
centuries a sword  
Burnished to flash like lightning on the precipice of war  
The wolves are dead in Albion whilst the  
passive flocks roam free  
This my penetrant spearhead shalt pierce these foul,  
trespassing breeds