One Of The Swarm

And Hell Followed With

The scent of oh purest carnage, familiar to these hills.

My father hath traversed these lands decades before my birth.

A century doth pass by, the veins of the earth entrenched with the millions of dead.

So few have my eyes seen in passing of glory.

The aesthetics of death painted upon the canvas of so bewildering a scene.

All sensations seared, all of my compassion numbed.

My humanity wrenched from behind my lungs.

The lusts of my bayonet, in crimson display have spilled upon these hands.

From beneath my helmet do I glare back in sickening approval of the malice we many have sewn.

My mind sentient of no reason, my face caressed by this foreign wind.

A pulmonary incantation writhes beneath these ribs, crying in b lood drunk verse and beguiling my conscious thought.

The how of descending mortar fire illuminates this blackest existence, a serenity wreathed in flame.

The skies were beautiful as they burned.

The dead roll over in their graves.

Above the mortars, my ears discern my father screaming in his g rave.