

# Blood and Iron

Bathory

O, so it is written son  
When all waters and land you see  
All around came to birth  
Man and beast was one  
And the gods of the sky  
Walked the face of the earth

Few free and innocent  
Man strolled paths next to those  
Of beasts seeing no signs  
But stars in the sky  
Knowing of day and night  
Of rain and winds, hunger and fright  
But not of death nor of life

While all was at ease with all  
Living creatures and beast and the gods of the sky enjoyed the lavish  
riches of this world, giants rose out of their caves and took to the  
skies challenging the gods for the power of the universe.  
Only when the great halls of Valhalla stood aflame lighting up the  
worlds all around did the gods wake up from their drunken sleep, to  
speed through the heavens and clash with the giants in the greatest  
battle ever seen.  
Heads arms and legs of both giant and god fell down upon the earth  
and... The weapons... The swords of shining metal... And those who  
found them and took these shining blades in hand were only men, now  
man was the master of this world.

The story tells of stormy skies [sings: raging winds]  
Black clouds gathered up high  
And of lightning striking from a  
Burning bloodred sky

The mountains crumbled to the seas  
Earth shook the worlds collide  
Ending the age of gods  
Giving birth to our time

And man lived and learned  
The secret of steel

Ore of earth - fire of sky  
Forged is blade of gods

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So the age to learn and to teach  
for man begins, the power to know  
the blood and iron discipline, and  
tell the story of how man was granted  
these shining blades of steel

Knowing of the past she will know  
of the tomorrow and man shall reign, yes,

even conquer other worlds and she will set  
sails on her starships sailing across the  
black space and become the new gods of the skies.  
(The skies... the skies... the skies... the skies... the skies...  
the skies... the skies...)

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