

## Judas Cradle

Brodequin

Hanging high above the Inquisitors gathered  
below ropes and shackles twitch in anticipation  
placed upon the throne designed not for rules  
but the sinful wretch  
a belt fastened around the waist hoisted over the  
cradle and lowered spike fixed under the spine  
ropes attached to the feet rocked back and forth  
questioned on faith weights shackled to the limbs  
intense interrogation, spike set deep within the  
flesh reducing the spine to pulp immense pain  
fills the body with every tremor of the ropes  
raised once again...