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Cradle of Filth

Forlornucopial the wealth of misery And favoured haunts of sorrow hold no lure Deep swathes of gloom that once cocooned me in dark livery Now clothed me in suits ill-borrowed from the pure

Alas it's true The beast you knew Found breath anew In the heartstrings of love's assassin

She was a huntress And an alabaster bride A Venus not averse to taking sides

And in all my centuries Bar Carmilla in cerise Never had I fallen save for foolish pride

As we walked, our affrighted lanterns Fed the lengthy shadows with their tallow lullabies The fragrant night air chilled by sighted phantoms Clouds drew cobweb threads across a sallow moonrise

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So capricious

Superstitious to the point of philistine The glue of secrecy grew paper thin Her beauty so delicious In the realm of the divine The cross about her throat gave up to sin

In expectation Her lips to find The crates were blazing in my stone cold cellars

That traitor love Once its spell ran headlong through my veins

Now I felt it roar again Like an urge for murder ...Her kiss The paradigm of bliss Hot whispers on the wind In swanlike curves I graced salvation

Amidst both world I promised her Eternity would be beautiful

Yet on the cusp I still not truly dared

Her eyes plied hard a burning will Beseeching on her knees Like Salome unfulfilled I hung between two thieves Guilt and spilt desire Until that flame became a fire All consuming

With strength renewed I turned again Death all lit up by my perfect victim

And she grew The scourge of men They hissed her name in perverted dictum

Now we walk, our cavorting auras Feed the lengthy shadows with their sullen lullabies The fragrant night air filled with haunting chorus Clouds draw cobweb threads across a bloodied moonrise

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