

# Manticore

## Cradle of Filth

Write a story. Any story.  
But let it have dragons...

O Gods of war  
In the jungle corridor  
I feel your haughty presence feasting the Manticore

She stalks the shadows, burning  
The smoke is thick and reaks of blood  
Her hunger an eternal yearning

Tantric, necromantic, a wank fantasy of faith  
She religiously feeds  
A feverous all man-eater  
In the trees I see her eyes like slithering she of snakes  
Monstrous this chimera  
In her beautiful anger

Screaming from the pulpit  
Damnation's oratory  
She is the whispering poisoned dart  
And the breath of Armageddon all around  
The embodiment of evil in a body full of raptures  
Anthropophagous

Manticora

Press the silent violin of frisson over horror  
In my forced hand  
Sphinx will sing her song and coloured in lullabies  
Death endorsed invades our lands

Gigantic, pyromantic  
A beast of naked flame  
Panting blackened masses from her opulent Godhead  
Ill-barbed are those tongues spread wings eclipse her frame  
And in her deep crevasses Kundalini vents unfed

In darkness  
Her fastness threshed with fleshing teeth  
She comes to masticate you whole

She is the bane of mothers  
Grand leveller of Maa Kali's Mardi Gras  
What man would damn the world to summon her?

Be still  
Pray silence lest she stoops to conquer

The perverse acid queen  
Ten thousand pillars in her heart  
Uphold a cracked palace of frozen killers  
And the mirror in her soul  
Polished black for scrying nightmares  
Bubbles with a lust  
That yearns to burn again

Razor backed, she attacks  
Empire's battle cat  
A creature of the white devil's rule  
Mythical and mystical  
Provinces will recall the swarm of refugees from her pall

Mimicking victims  
With a voice of the choicest deadpanned in pain  
Awful claws hold rapport with the skins of mankind

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And the breath of Armageddon all around  
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A lick of fire on her lips as silent as a will o wisp  
She comes amongst you all, tigressive  
Blazing in her pride hellraising horrors from the dark-side...

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