

# The Rape and Ruin of Angels (Hosannas in Extremis)

Cradle of Filth

Hosannas in Extremis  
Invading tempestuous skies  
When Inanna rose, bringing angels repose  
And Narcissus' date as their prize  
Blinded by Diana's mirror  
Wherein confined truth struggles, forlorn  
And covetous stars out their eyes to deceive  
The horrors performed on Her shores  
As jewelled Ishtar, in darker Aeons  
Trespassed Ereshkigal's grasp  
Her ravening twin, wreathed in whispers and wind  
Now inspires Catharsis to dance  
Through the weave of white vaults  
Where the shadows revolt  
At the incest of spiritual love  
Castrata choirs, bereft of such lusts  
Spatter virginal breasts with their blood

The iron tongue of midnight hath told twelve  
(Thirst-ridden) Wolves serenade a moon  
Who seems no mistress of Herself  
And heavens pour forth vast casualties  
Thy host given up for me  
Thou which wert once and then ceased to be  
Art now ensconced to chapters  
Of a lengthening tragedy

Whilst we scream free

Deep forests impale the sinister mist  
Their sorcery taught to the clouds  
Who muster like mountains, a fountainous wish  
To vex the sweet dead from silk odious shrouds

Storm-woken sisters of Judas unfurl  
As Psyche to Sapphic lament  
Wrapt in thy tresses and taloned caresses  
Whisper me secrets beheld beyond Death

"Desires  
I was loath to lose  
To the virgin-bloodied priests  
Whose lord fantasied on Magdalene  
And sought to savour Her as a beast

Her aching sex  
A rose undone  
As mine in tears and spasms wrung"

Ebon Nemesis, slain Jericho's stone  
has built thee a marbled stair  
By candlelight to Eden and Serpentine throne  
Where ravens rape the tenanted angels there

Hurry, else Death may spy us here  
And quicken the pulse of dawn  
Embering flames writhe to life again

The starry brow threshed with poisonous thorn

Huntress, draw back the silvered bow  
Thy dogs set upon the manger  
The enemy in throes...

Whilst drifting forgs devour  
All Hallows witching hour  
On this long, dark seance for the soul

Through malevolent Scylla, Charybdis graves  
Our conquering spirits pour forth, unassuaged  
Occultnesses watch us and Seraph, afraid  
Like fireflies olunge to Her maw, midst crashing black waves

"Remember with pride what thou art  
Lest we forget in awe of our terrible past"

When Dark royalties drank of despair  
Idols hewed down 'neath a desert god's stare  
In thrall to revenges sworn there  
What dreams could we father, when farther we fell  
To nightmare... ?

"Well versed in misery  
We have lain naked in darkest ravines  
Now the sun has set in slumber, We delight  
Like serpents in arousal  
Coiled to strike at the light"

Now abyssed Lucifers master the earth  
Uncloister jaded harlots once served  
Enthralled by cruel raptures, rehearsed  
Kiss slumbered beauty and weapon our thousand year curse

The laughter of Khaos  
Gatekeepers flee the onslaught

A World enslaved to flame  
Bondage in Phallustine  
Pleasure temples for my bride  
Nubian grace swiftly seize  
Thieves blood-divine  
Empires thrive on sacrifice