## Wester Vespertine

## **Cradle of Filth**

Today was spent in languor Drifting through the fold As midsummer vent its clamour In cobbled streets a thousandfold

I bore cruelty from the sun The jewellery that it hung About me, God it stung Like life's betrayal

Now shadows lengthening Hear the nightside sing The promise of delightful things to come

Wester Vespertine When the sun is in decline

Reddened skies underlined in purple Exemplify cries, goodbyes are verbal

And bats carouse around the tree line Daylight bows out, free and feline Dusk comes so sublime So wester Vespertine

Feel the rush of power this magickal hour The heavens blaze, their flames devour The smoke of ruins black against A bled horizon, mystic, incensed

Nightfall is dressed in fantasy

Ethereal, the end of day enthralls Voyeurs watching from the stalls It enfolds the drear and drab Lifts our hearts to sheer romantic Pyromantic, necromantic heights Of bright sensation

Feel the rush of power this magickal hour The Heavens blaze, the angels cower Wisps of sulphur at my lips The abyss at kissed fingertip

Nightfall is blessed with majesty

This night will see indictment For my needs extol The virtues of excitement This soul reigns uncontrolled

Sweet scents, the vents of Mother Earth Have lent to my rebirth Her perfume is perverse And that's the way I like it

Bethlem is opening

Her terrifying wings The promise of its frightful things to sperse And Hesperus will shine Out foremost as stars climb

Feel the rush of power this magickal hour The moon invades the vestal bower Gas lamps flicker in devotion Like fireflies on an iron ocean

Nightfall is best left to telestic needs

Crepuscular This theatre is spurred To drive the painted nails home And let man's blithe desires roam About the city lit to please The pretty bits this August eve Revive our sore and tortured souls

Revive my mortared soul

Dusk comes so sublime So wester Vespertine

Toward the end Toward the splendour Like Lot, the host gives up its ghosts His gorgeous daughters now surrender Lammas glamour Hammered in the dying light Like a glowing hot sabre set to clangour on the anvil We'll bang destiny to rights now

Wester, Vespertine This is our time to taste To chase, to embrace, to lay waste to the vine The cup of fornication is a decadent red wine

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