

# The Count of Tuscany

Dream Theater

Several years ago  
In a foreign town  
Far away from home  
I met the Count of Tuscany

A young eccentric man  
Bred from royal blood  
Took me for a ride  
Across the open country side

Get into my car  
Let's go for a drive  
Along the way  
I'll be your guide  
Just step inside

Maybe you'll recall  
A cannibal curator  
A character inspired by my brother's life

Winding through the hills  
The city far behind  
On and on we drove  
Down narrow streets and dusty roads

At last we came upon  
A picturesque estate  
On sprawling emerald fields  
An ancient world of times gone by

Let me introduce  
My brother  
A bearded gentleman  
Historian  
Sucking on his pipe  
Distinguished accent  
Making me uptight  
No accident

I want to stay alive  
Everything about this place  
Just doesn't feel right  
I  
I don't want to die  
Suddenly I'm frightened for my life

I want to say goodbye  
This could be the last time  
You see me alive  
I  
I may not survive  
Knew it from the moment we arrived

Would you like to see  
Our secret holy place?  
I come here late at night  
To pray to him by candlelight

Then peering through the glass  
I saw with disbelief  
Still dressed in royal clothes  
The saint behind the alter

History recalls  
During times of war  
Legend has been traced  
Back inside these castle walls

The soldiers came to hide  
In barrels filled with wine  
Never to escape  
This tombs of oak  
Are where they died

Down the cellar stairs  
I disappear  
Like the angel's share  
The end is near

Come and have a taste  
A rare vintage  
All the finest wines  
Improve with age

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Could this be the end?  
Is this the way I die?  
Sitting here alone  
No one by my side

I don't understand  
I don't feel that I deserve this  
What did I do wrong?  
I just don't understand  
(I just don't understand)

Give me one more chance  
Let me please explain  
It's all been circumstance  
I'll tell you once again

You took me for a ride  
Promising a vast adventure  
Next thing that I know  
I'm frightened for my life

Now wait a minute man  
That's not how it is

You must be confused  
That isn't who I am

Please don't be afraid  
I would never try to hurt you  
This is how we live  
Strange although it seems  
Please try to forgive

The chapel and the saint  
The soldiers and the wine  
The fables and the tales  
All handed down through time

Of course you're free to go  
Go and tell the world my story  
Tell about my brother  
Tell them about me

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