

Grandier's Funeral Pyre

Elvenking

A blissful maid has pierced my heart
She's feasted on my soul
A banquet made of flesh and bone
So I was dethroned
Like kings without shields and swords
Like bards without their chords
Now call the Ravens, light the fire
To rot in hell my curse

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Unholy will - Pagan I die, as a pagan I lived

The sons of Grandier bade command
Hither to bring all the people from afar
The rich, the poor and the sick were gathered
Countless quite! As the priest was a hero to their eyes
The wood smoke rose black over blaze
And blend was the roar of the fires in the sky
In heavy mood, misery they moaned
As the sky was devoured by the funeral pyre

"Mephistopheles bring wrath
Upon the ones who insult and stain the name of God
with vileness and greed
Upon the ones who torture and their cursed breed"

Before Decay's abismal fingers
Brush against my brow
And sweep the lines where beauty lingers
I will pledge my vow
Of all the villains claimed to live
In chastity and need
"A thousand times into the fire"
The oath I now decree

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A false diabolical pact was written
In the name of Grandier and all the spawn of Hell
"The love of women, the flower of virgins
The respect of Kings, honors, lust and charming spells"
"He will join us in our crusade
And sin by sin he'll become the Devil's blade"
In noble mood, dignity he owned
As the sky was devoured by the funeral pyre

(Guitar solo: Raphael)

His eyes were fiery and yet so hollow
Sixteen pints of water he was forced to swallow
But he did not kneel, and vauntingly swore:
"In thy gaze I see the eyes of Satan"

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