The Rotting

Exhumed

Deep within the grave Where the cadaver lies decayed - there lurks the rotting Within every fetid corpse This process festers on its course - to speed the rotting Its ubiquity cannot be denied - a gruesome trade, sempiternally plied From the waste in which we wallow To the flesh we gluttonously swallow - we consume the rotting In rubbish bins of medical waste Awaits the horrendous, wretched taste - of the rotting That first whiff sure to nauseate - and its rancid fruit we regurgitate The rotting's coming The end it brings The rotting is the destiny of all that's breathing The rotting's strumming On your heartstrings The rotting's coming - 'til you're the corpse that we're bereaving In the slither of the grubs The maggots writhing in their chum - there feed the rotting In suppurating stools That dribble ichor into pools - there reeks the rotting The grue that binds us together - is everyone devouring one another The rotting's coming The end it brings The rotting is the destiny of all that's breathing The rotting's strumming On your heartstrings The rotting's coming - 'til you're the corpse that we're bereaving The rotting The humble and the great All consumed by the same fate - become the rotting In its blackening embrace All is eventually erased - by the rotting The putrid waste upon which we've built our lives - as we decay, maggots and weevils thrive The rotting's coming It was here all along The rotting is an acrid, stinking, putrid savor The rotting's strumming Its discordant song The rotting's thrumming A defective dirge to scourge your neighbors The rotting