## White Stone

## **Funeral Mist**

Numbered, weighed, and found wanting...

A white stone and a new name, at peace with the lord and freed from blame, all debts remitted, thy should washed clean, O glorious splendours of the rebirth.

...But that stone is a lump of coal, for thou hadst a whore's forehead, thou refusedst to be ashamed.

A white stone and a new name, restoring the years that the locust have eaten, again clean enough to speak his name, oh happy vantage of a kneeling knee

...But that name is a ghost unseen, for thou hadst a whore's forehead, thou refusedst to be ashamed. Mene, Mene, Tekel, Upharsin... thou refusedst to be ashamed.

Numbered, weighed, and found wanting...

A white stone and a new name, thy lamp removed from the altar of shame, but that name is a ghost unseen, for thou hadst a whore's forehead, thou refusedst to be ashamed.