

Dark Avenger

Manowar

He broke the laws of the elders
So they plucked out his eye
Took his land and fortune
Left him to die

Bound on the shoreline
Left for the tide
Sees his life-blood leaving
Circling lower, the vultures fly

These bones may be broken
But the spirit can't die
And the gods see his anguish
And give him a sign

From the floor of the ocean
The ship of the lost souls rise
And they take him
Where no one sleeps while the undead cry
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And in the world above
The elders sing
On his land they live
Let death's bell ring

He was met at the gate of Hades
By the Guardian of the Lost Souls
The keeper of the unavenged

And he did say to him
"Let ye not pass, Abbadon
Return to the world
From whence you came"

"And seek payment
Not only for thine own anguish
But vindicate the souls
Of the unavenged"

And they placed in his hands
A sword made for him
Called, 'Vengeance'
Forged in brimstone

And tempered
By the woeful tears of the unavenged
And to carry him up on his journey
Back to the upper world

They brought forth their demon horse
Called, 'Black Death', a grim steed
So fearsome in might and black in color
That he could stand as one with the darkness

Save for his burning eyes of crimson fire
And on that night they rode up from hell

The pounding of his hooves
Did clap like thunder

Burning, death, destruction
Raping their daughters and wives
In blood I take my payment
In full with their lives

No one can escape me
On black death, I ride
When kissed by the sword of vengeance
Your head lays there by your side

I take the lives of all that I once knew
The torn flesh of a slow death waits for you

Burning, death, destruction
Raping their daughters and wives
In blood I take my payment
In full with their lives

I spare not land or servants
My wake is smoke and flame
I take their wives and daughters
They stand there watching

Hoping to gain their lives
But when I'm through
They know that they must pay

Burning, death, destruction
Raping their daughters and wives
In blood I take my payment
In full with their lives

With their lives
With their lives