## **Rest In Pieces**

## **Metal Church**

Integrity of construction The best money can buy Her size is greater than any A Belfast shipyard's pride Signal flags spelled out the word "Success" On her maneuvering trials

Preservers and lifeboats were not in excess Unsinkable, no plans to save lives Athinai reports icebergs and field ice At seven bells ahead just five miles A black hulk against the night's darkness Disaster along starboard side

Full speed astern were the orders It would do them no good No apparent collision A rip deep below the waterline

Come at once, we have struck a berg Interference in transmission The newest, largest ship afloat Had two hours to live Lower all lifeboats, we have too few! Women and children first! Distress rockets fill the air Abandom Ship!"

Sinking faster, every light ablaze Machinery, engines, crashing to the bow Arching vertical, stern points to the sky The great ship fractured Everyone must die

Watching their families make it to safety Fifteen hundred went down The orchestra played to the last moment An eerie almost unreal sound The calm and ice North Atlantic Titanic's burial ground