

## Utterances of the Crawling Dead

Nile

Demon who denies me  
Who cuts off heads and severs necks  
Who renders incoherent the words I speak  
Sealing my mouth against the magic which resides in me  
You who will not see me  
Kneel on your knees  
Go with thy face behind thee

Wander without purpose  
With your face averted  
Looking back in dread  
Upon the tormentors belonging to Shu  
Who relentlessly follow you  
Crawling after you  
To cut off your head and sever your neck

At the behest of one who has despoiled his lord  
On account of your threats unto me  
To reduce me to incoherence  
To cut off my head  
To sever my neck  
To seal my mouth

On account of the magic which resides within my body  
May your face be downcast at the sight of my countenance  
May the flame of the eye of Horus go forth against you  
For abhorrence of you is in Osiris  
Thus abhorrence of you is in me

Go back to the tormentors belonging to Shu  
Dead yet deathless  
Who relentlessly follow you  
Shambling tirelessly on rotting limbs  
Crawling after you  
To cut off your head and sever your neck

Abhorrence of you is in Osiris  
Abhorrence of you is in us  
Abhorrence of you is in me  
Abhorrence of you is in Osiris  
Abhorrence of you is in us