

# Life Among the Ruins

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Gunfire up in heaven no religion here  
raping your salvation, the last sound that you'll hear  
the snap of the noose the crack of the whip  
the hangman's face is torn  
in shameless crucifixion a savage nation's born

Behold the new messiah, arising from the wound  
in rags of execution freedom is consumed

You are a rose you are a blade  
I'm down on my knees in the dark in the fiery reign  
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I've lived among the ruins walked among the dead  
loved among the wreckage beneath a flag of red  
communion of blood so bitter the cup  
a union born of fear  
creation and perdition a world within a tear

Behold the new messiah, arising from his bed  
holier in silence, paler than the dead

[Chorus]

[Chorus/with - I challenge you to love my bride of pain]

With the dying sun of autumn bathing us in gold  
we walk the desolation hand in hand against the cold  
while rampant runs the reaper all thru the barren plains  
with scythe in hand he reaches to harvest the last remains  
in agony you stumble with a curse upon your lips you die  
I can't feel you anymore  
vengeance is mine!

[Chorus 2x/with - bare your breast and save this child of pain]  
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