

## **Crimson King**

### **"Lizard"**

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a. Prince Rupert Awakes

Farewell the temple master's bells

His kiosk and his black worm seed

Courtship solely of his word

With Eden guaranteed.

For now Prince Rupert's tears of glass

Make saffron sabbath eyelids bleed

Scar the sacred tablet of wax

On which the Lizards feed.

Wake your reason's hollow vote

Wear your blizzard season coat

Burn a bridge and burn a boat

Stake a Lizard by the throat.

Go Polonius or kneel

The reapers name their harvest dawn

All your tarnished devil's spoons

Will rust beneath our corn.

Now bears Prince Rupert's garden roam

Across his rain tree shaded lawn

Lizard bones become the clay-

And there a Swan is born

Wake your reasons' hollow vote  
Wear your blizzard season coat  
Burn a bridge and burn a boat  
Stake a Lizard by the throat.  
Gone soon Piepowder's moss-weed court  
Round which upholstered Lizards sold  
Visions to their leaden flock  
Of rainbows' ends and gold.  
Now tales Prince Rupert's peacock brings  
Of walls and trumpets thousand fold  
Prophets chained for burning masks  
And reels of dream unrolled . . .

b. Bolero - the Peacock's Tale (Instrumental)

c. The Battle of Glass Tears

Night enfolds her cloak of holes  
Around the river meadow.  
Old moon-light stalks by broken ploughs  
Hides spokeless wheels in shadow.  
Sentries lean on thorn wood spears  
Blow on their hands, stare eastwards.  
Burnt with dream and taut with fear  
Dawn's misty shawl upon them.  
Three hills apart great armies stir  
Spit oat and curse as day breaks.  
Forming lines of horse and steel

By even yards march forward.

d. Big Top (Instrumental)

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