

A Hill To Die Upon "This King Never Smiles"

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"Avarice, or the desire for gain, is a universal passion, which operates at all times, at all places, and upon all persons."

- David Hume

Greed, at the very top of success, is bored and turns to perversion.

"Ignorance and avarice," our two most common human attributes, tear this world apart when left unchecked. All of the world's wealth belongs to so few, while so many go hungry.

And those of us who suffer so much wealth, is it possible to escape?

Jesus said to the rich man, "...sell your possessions, and give to the poor..." (Mathew 19:21).

These are two separate commands, two which we do not follow very studiously.]

Live long the curse of Midas!

Be warned of greed and golden pastures.

For years, I've often sat and pondered

"What more should I obtain?"

"What else is left for me to conquer?"

Power, yes everlasting power

Obtained by wealth and gold

A force that I can touch and hold

Ignorance and avarice

Hand and hand as one

Servant, bring my plate I have a hunger

For I cannot live on my riches alone

Servant night is close, where is my daughter?

What do you mean she's on the lawn?

Call her name, bring her to me.

What do you mean she's stiff and cold?

My own blood now a trophy?

My Dionysus, I've paid your price in full.

My kingdom lies in ruin from their king,
From my own hand my kingdom lies in ruin.

I realize now my life's importance
I realize now my lesson learned
Each step I make towards gold and fortune
That's one more foot in the ground

Please lift this curse from my head
Please lift this curse from my head
Just let me wash my hands of this

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