

10,000 Maniacs "Pit Viper"

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[lyrics: Natalie Merchant/music: Steve Gustafson]

In the cruel garrison of affection
If worth of lore is true
You know the face of a temptress
Pit viper

A witch or enchantress
Pit viper

With the malign venom of conceit
She tries
Civil men
Conceal fear
Misgivings
When night entreats them
A greater chill sustains
Stains her
Darkness
Shall not inhibit death blow

Know this skin does not restrict her
Tear and she'd the coil
Fall of garland leaves
Below the soil

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