

## Emperor

# "The Loss And Curse Of Reverence"

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[Lyrics: Ihsahn.]

[Music: Ihsahn & Samoth.]

[Arrangements: Samoth & Ihsahn.]

[6:09]

Memories of torment strikes me.  
Attempts were made to suffocate me at birth.  
Fools, I was already ancient.  
Thou can not kill what breeds within Thee.

Alas, this agony, the emptiness of earthborn pride  
Hath stirred my faithful heart which guided me to  
darker paths.  
Far away from their pestilent ways  
Cleansed was I from deceitful grace.

Yet, put to scorn was I  
By those unclean.  
Enslaved by ignorance  
They blindly spat upon  
The deity of hate.  
Awake is the darkest fiend.

By the fallen one I shall arise.

Upon bewildered masses,  
To whom the indulgence of my soul portray as sin  
made god,  
I shall revile and quell the source  
Whence mockery of my kind derive.

This I know: Facile shalt my quest not come to pass.  
Deathwish be my gift to all at last.

Honour. Commended no longer as virtue.  
Yet, shalt be extolled by light's demise.

By the fallen one I shall arise.

Arise.

[Guitar lead.]

Believer,  
Speak not to me of justice,  
For none have I ever seen.  
By God, I shall give as I receive.  
Betrayer,  
Speak not to me at all.  
You and this world  
Ripped my fucking heart out.

Again... again... and again...  
Again... and again...

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