

Emperor

"With Strength I Burn"

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(Music: Samoth & Ihsahn/ Lyrical concept: Ihsahn & Samoth/

Words: Ihsahn/ Arrangements: Samoth & Ihsahn)

Deep Green Dark Chaos

Blinded I run down these paths

By heart I know them

They lead to the soaring cliffs

Stout they stand above the waters edge

Lifeless

And this is my foundation

Cold stone

Formed only by winds and time

How invulnerable

Lifeless

Ahh...

I have longed to be at one with this

Yet, the waters call my name

For once I wish to see

The entity behind the voice

The face of this seduction

The beauty of my pain

Am I blessed or am I cursed by thy presence

What is my crime...

What is my deed...

Is this life my redemption

Shall I repent or proceed

I hate my flesh

It's dimension poisoned my soul with doubt

It made me question the essence of

The "I"

Slaves are those of this world

Given freedom to lay chains upon the Master

The wolf is no longer free

Release the chains and come for me

The Elder:

"Suddenly, his mournful cries were stunned. Out of the cold mist

came three enthralling ships. Sails torn by many a storm, and the

bows adorned by the most fierce gargoyles he'd ever laid eyes upon.

Yet, the crew they bore... Three times twelve in
numbers. They stood
motionless, wrapped in grey, worn gowns. And from
behind their
shadowed faces the seductive chanting. Bidding him
on board.

Without hesitation, he assepted. And away they
sailed..."

Upon these seas
Wherein I drowned so many times
I scatter the ashes of destiny
Still my flames are in hunger
With fire in my heart
Shall I greet the shores ahead
Though, I know not what will burn
Desire

Ahh...

In the distance
I hear the waves wash over solid ground
And in this moment I am struck blind
Grant me sight so I can see
That which lies ahead of me
Cursed be my mortal eyes
For dying in the realm of death
Hear my call...

I return to the soaring cliffs
They truly shine of strength
Even though, I nothing learned
With strength I burn...

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