

Emperor "With Strength I Burn"

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[Lyrical concept: Ihsahn & Samoth.]

[Lyrics: Ihsahn.]

[Music: Samoth & Ihsahn.]

[Arrangements: Samoth & Ihsahn.]

[7:36]

[Do you know the ones from "Anthems..."? Another headbanger. This one's called "With Strength I Burn"!]

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 water's 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.
Its 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.
Master, 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 accepted. 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...

[Guitar lead.]

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