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## **Christian Death** "In Absentia"

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R. Williams

I have etched the scrolls into my skin

The hangman's noose, 13 lies which cross the

barrier/burial

There is a sin not yet committed

O, he of sleepless flight - be merciful.

I have found myself lost amongst the shards

of a world reduced to shadow

Sentenced to a lifetime in this prison

Well. I should have taken this omen and ran

Abandoned myself to secret corners

Instead I turned to face the day

Treading through the storm of the horror

And decay

How could I be so blinded

Cut down and so misguided?

Caught in deception, in deception

O, he of splintered sight - be merciful

For I know not what I do

I walk the road that leads to an early grave

As tears stream down my rigid face

Well, I should keep one eye turned towards heaven

As I drag my body through the flames

Instead I turned to face the day

Fighting with the demons I have made

Spilled all my hope along the way

It falls out, it falls dead

Shattered fragments, endless waves

O, he of sleepless nights - be merciful

I have found myself lost amongst the shards

If only I had severed ties,

Ties that bind all my dreams to lies

I could have walked away from it all

I could have walked away from it all

And found that peace waits in absentia

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