

## Marillion "Assassin"

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Track 1 of \_Fugazi\_ ---

I am the assassin, with tongue forged from eloquence.

I am the assassin, providing your nemesis.

On the sacrificial altar to success, my friend;

Unleash a stranger from a kiss, my friend;

No incantations of remorse, my friend;

Unsheath the blade within the voice,

my friend, my friend, my friend, my friend

I am the assassin, (assassin, assassin)

Who decorates the scarf with the fugi knot,

Who camouflaged emotion in the thousand-yard stare,

Who gouged the notches in the family tree,

Who hypnotized the guilt in career rhythm trance.

Assassin, assassin, assassin, assassin.

(Assassin , my friend.)

Listen as the syllables of slaughter cut with calm  
precision,

Patterned frosty phrases rape your ears and sew the  
ice incision.

Adjectives of annihilation bury the point beyond  
redemption,

Venomous verbs of ruthless candor plagiarize  
assassins' fervor.

Apocalyptic alphabet casting spell, the creed of  
tempered diction,

my friend, your friend, the assassin.

my friend, your friend, the assassin.

A friend in need, is a friend that bleeds...

(my friend, your friend, the assassin.)

A friend in need, is a friend that bleeds...

(my friend, your friend, the assassin.)

Let bitter silence infect the wound,

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I am the assassin, (your friend)

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Assassin!

You were a sentimental mercenary in a free-fire zone,

Parading a Hollywood conscience;

You were a fashionable objector with a uniform fetish,

Pavlovian slaver at the cash till ring of success.

A noncom observer, I assassin, the collector... defector.

So you resigned yourself to failure, my friend,  
And I emerged the chilling stranger, my friend,  
To eradicate the problem, my friend,  
Unsheathe the blade within the voice,  
within the voice, within the voice,  
within the voice.  
And what do you call assassins who accuse assassins,  
anyway...  
My friend?

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