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## **Cradle Of Filth** "Harlot on a Pedestal"

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Where does the madness end? How far down do the rungs expire In smoke and burning heat? In depravity and sin?

In her shocking retinue I saw the worst Desire run amok amongst you And in her boudoir too The endless nights embedded In her beautiful cocoon Turning black and blue and jaded

Kneelin at her feet My heart atrophied at her ravishing form The ultimate test Her cult obsessed With this body of the Goddess reborn

When she first laid me to rest I saw such sights of wickedness From this harlot on a pedestal This scarlet Woman scorned

I glimpsed desertion, the bluster of shame The tribes of the moon, their lustre improved A morbid aversion to the limpid domain Of Eden and Adam her dark temper moved

I witnessed reverie then Perverse resurgence, souls on fire Blood and seed spilt for centuries For this imperious bitch

In her shocking retinue I saw the worst Desire run amok amongst you A gnawer of taboo Dread appetites were threaded Right throughout the mortal zoo Her immortality now hungered

I remember, in Thebes Enthroned with cat-skinned girls Her long dark hair braided with pearls

A red gown split revealed her thighs As full lips rose to feline eyes Egyptian black outlined each lid It's clear who owned the pyramid

Temptress Lilith Her beauty stirred me more than words Could ever paint, her bible hurt

Tempered Lilith Hissing in the dark Pissing on my heart I was missing every part of Victoria

Victoria

I found them hypnotic, the years of display Of court life and parties, political bite Narcotic, erotic, her bleary soirees Left daylight a dream in the scheme of the night

The scheme of the night

But I grew uneasy, she wanted the earth For now she was spinning her sins Breeding fell children and hiding her worth Before the new orders disorder begins

Feeding from the weak Savaged on their feet by her ravaging lust Evening-dressed This young Countess Led lovers astray under cover of dusk

When she took them to her breast They passed last rites, deliciousness Swept into their every pore This matriarch of darkness bored

Harlot on a pedestal The night orchestral Harlot on a pedestal Never vestal...

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