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Cradle Of Filth "Retreat of the Sacred Heart"

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She slept in ecstasy In hands that fanned her wildest fantasies Freed from Christ's frigid regime And rigid nails...

She was first in church To lick her lips and self-debased Each waking second felt like heaven In the scarlet One's embrace

And at last, clear memories, aghast Relinguished their control All things held dear to the wretched past Coalesced within her soul

Madness crept into her sight Though her sinful hair Spoke of nothing to the contrary Once dulled eyes leaped alive with life Her piece of broken mirror Barely recognised

The worm was turning

For her sat grinning Victoria Who, no three weeks ago Was flogged red to euphoria For her dour love of God And the ardour of his crows

Cold cloisters kept the dead apart At the Retreat of the Sacred Heart

She stepped in ecstasy Neath skies that plied her wildest fantasies Freed into love's reacquainted dream And sudden gales...

Night grew sultry late September A man came from the village Through the woods To help with harvest

She was burning like the fields All her vows lay unfulfilled His name was Isaac, silent, blessed A mute whose tongue impressed her lately

But now red skies darken The roonks lament Windswept maelstroms harken The approach of Lilith's Nightmare kingdom

The woman in her astral dreams Became more vivid, livid, obscene Scatted on the throne of oayx blasphemies Emanating raw desire And the surging urge to scream

Darkness crept into her face She stood erect And spook of riches and their whereabouts Finding in Isaac the need to place A hidden Templer necklace Lest the month run out

For now stormed the vainglorious In her palace of mass delight Her power dawned victorious Victoria the key, her mind unfastened By flights of morbid fancy Psychomancy, rites of ancient wrong Sweet seductions, peaked cruptions Spiking through impatient song

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The gate to hell was forced apart At The Retreat of the Sacred Heart

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