

## **Cradle Of Filth**

# **"Ten Leagues Beneath Contempt"**

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Awaking in a sweat  
Forsaking pleasure for regret  
Another night of blight had slowly passed  
The morning skies once fresh and bright  
Darkened down no near twilight  
Once could smell the end of days were coming fast

Gilles wandered as in purgatory  
Beyond the grave of his estate  
Neither Heaven, Hell or peasantry  
Were present save projected hatred

He knew suspicion, he felt derision  
And grief like a sharpened stake  
Pierce his heart, and now the start  
Of his unknitting began to take

Vain glorious, a Lord, devout?  
He thought his soul exempt  
From guilt and doubt, there's no way out  
Ten leagues beneath contempt

(He drank an ocean quoting Joan the maiden  
A vampire's pious rant  
His hot blood stank of devotion laden  
With bias for love's covenant)

Awaking in a sweat  
Forsaking pleasure for regret  
His choired chapel sighed with his laments  
As accusations reached a roar  
Investigations breached the door  
He put up nothing save his favours in defense

The Church stirred in it's Roman lair  
The grease had long been spent

Now all tongues spat at Tiffauges there  
Ten leagues beneath contempt

Just one falter  
One misplaced deed

And Gilles would be undone  
As he teetered on the verge of defeat

Profaning God's altar  
Bursting in on evening Mass  
He threatened there to crucify the priest

Drunk on fiery wine  
With the storm lashing behind  
He then threw this Philistine  
To his foulest dungeon

And money owed or not  
The Priest released or left to rot  
His blatant sacrilege begot  
A war machine of papal Rome

They came for him in mourning splendour  
With the blessing of the Saints  
His fawning grin in sweet surrender  
A lesson in enforced restraint

He knew suspicion, he felt derision  
And fear like a sharpened stake  
Pierce his heart, and now the start  
Of his unknitting began to take

He thought courts bought with golden crowns  
Rich Bishops he could tempt  
But traitor's gate was sought and found  
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