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Current 93 "The Inmost Light Itself"

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And when I saw the little children sing

Their mouths were red and sad (their lipsticksealÃ"d smiles)

And in their minds they hold and hope some sign (Some hope)

The gaudy sequinned dragging banner of

The Inmost Light

Around my eyes the sewers spew and laugh

The fallenflower gazes at me reaped

The crippled cuckoo falls brokenwing

And turns around to me and brokenbeak grins from its head

"Thus so: no fear: thus so: It has arrived:

The Inmost Light"

And if I turn my head for shame

And see my lovers' rivers burst and folding

there

I'll cross my eyes and close my heart

And whisper to her womb

"Greatbloodgreatsilencemymotherthemysteryofall

Nothingmaygrasptheenoonemaygraspthee

Letmeholdtheenowohcomeohcomeatlast

TheInmostLight"

OhGod I trail my hands up to my eyes

Up to my eyes up to my eyes up to my eyes

And say "if only then my Light" -

And "if only if only if:

I had not despised

The Inmost Light"

And so I kneel at bluegateblackmouthdeath

And offer as my feeble explanation: "I

thought so much was left and so much

time to praise and call The Inmost Light")

And, I suppose, fullhalf and more of these are dreams

Some broken code of morals rising after I

had touched

Her very pith and marrow - oh! her Inmost

Light

If I could scatter children

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And while I gaze and count my coins (After Your godgoldglow they're dead; the

head is dead and lead)

I see and feel the hiding glow blaze behind

You; The Inmost Light

And if Your lips are taut

Don't move Your teeth to speak

The lines will start to fall

And pull the structure of Your world then all apart

And thus you see You'll call The Inmost Night

(It wispered to me and laughed and said

You lied and shamed

The Inmost Light)

And if You recall I bent yewlike and roared You did not see the cloudburst wind dead

towards You

Of The Inmost Light

Our hands tumble towards the skies

To block visions of The Inmost Light

And if I pointless arch

And spit whitenothings at the sky

Oh Bigboys - check it out: too fucking late

(The children move through town

And skip tornskirted and roll the hoop into the arms

Of Inmost Light)

Sheer, char, shrift, and sharp

Christ is risen: You may creep to the Cross

too late

But it's much too late to welcome

The Inmost Light

Branch, sallow, willow and yew

And trees notso gay no more

So falling faster and faster we fall

Nearer cataclysm

Or salvation

Or nothing - how terrible

If we are snuffed out, with just the

momentary mark of smoke

To array our passing

So we stand, milky in moonlight

(Is this all there is?)

(Is this all there is?)

(Is this all there is?)

Our eyes so fixed

That the darkness surrounds us Unnoticed And we are drowned by the loss of light Unnoticed

Is this all there is my friends? Is this all there is?

(Goodnight goodnight The Inmost Light)

Westron wynde when wyll thow blow?
The smalle rayne downe can rayne can rayne.
Cryst! Yf my love were in my armys,
And I yn my bed a gayne

Will You wait for me there By the dead clock? No more dying One red bird Will You meet me there? Before I sputter out? Dragonflies and mayflies Hovering candles As alabaster guardians for me If you open that door All hell floods out But quietly, drably The colour of The smell of The texture of The choke of Dust

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