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"Xiii - So: This Empire Is Nothing"

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In the mind of god

The dead sleeping lie

And the little cogs though unmoving

Hover over the turning wheel

All life's a farce

The broken bird is draped over the paths

And paths and paths and paths

And those who say this world is not

The bloody gleaming paradise of blood and jewel

Lie

Opal and pearl bloodsocket castings

Ruby jasmine jasper onyx

Chalcedonthrone and ambergriscrown

Golden green leafwork

Scrolled with the farstars

Pitted with the moonworlds

Mother alldewey

Arrayed with the twinkling lights

The wovengold spungilded blinking godeyes

The spearshafts of heaven

The souldwelling rockhomes

Are...

Dormition and Dominion

Dormition and Dominion

The Mother is dead

The Mother awakens

Dormition

She sleeps

Dominion

He rules

She sleeps and rules

In her starry bodied glory

The Mother sleeps

The Mother loves

Dormition and Dominion

I wait

..Are the holders of the world and its dreams

I say there is no death

No death

We have lived before and shall live again

And again

We have slept before and shall sleep again We have danced through the shallow pools And shall rejoice once again

To those who say there is no hope

I say liars

Liars

Liars you are

Over the starry dancing stars

There is a land

Under the sweatribbed brow

There is a land

And this is the globed world of the Pantocrator

Finally I have understood

I have understood

I have understood

Though when I slip sleeping and silently

From this ribbed room of sighs

You shall not find the history of His personal visit

Sewn into my linings perhaps

Nevertheless I have understood

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