

Phoenix Reign

"Constantinople 1453"

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[Acoustic]

Thrice, I walked this path of destitute alone
My heart sinks like a heavy anvil
I arrived too late, nearly redefined
To lure the muses through the unbridled stone.
As I sit here to ponder what is right
I wonder what sorrows 'morrow will bring
When I close my eyes tonight
Will I feel this bitter night's sting?

[Heavy]

It's Midnight in this land of Darkness
As the serpents slither out of their holes
And somewhere amongst the rotting corpses
My fallen brothers' battle cry calls.
The Warrior's Oath I once knew
In Hades realm I will recite it
But now in Constantinople
I alone lead the righteous few.
I bid thee farewell now, forever
To fight the Ottoman hordes
Aside the Orthodox faithful

My bond on this realm do I sever.

As the mothers mourn their beloved sons

Come tomorrow will Hagia Sophia still stand?

Will I hear the prayers of the nuns?

Will there be a city left to defend?

I hear the raindrops drain the night

I see the stars clash with might

The trees whisper with fright

As misery clouds my sight

[Chorus:]

City of God, City of Light

Constantinople

Brave New Rome, show your might

Constantinople

To defend we fight!

Like a raging wildfire these questions plague me

As (the) enemies canons blast the walls

Raping the women, slaying the elderly

Before my eyes Constantinople falls.

Church bells echo throughout the land

On this black Tuesday, 1453

As emperor Palaeologos makes his stand

All of Christendom we fight to free.

With glory's reins do I ride

Across this empty Hippodrome

Through the great Blachaernaen Gates

With steed and steel held high.

I won't look back taunted by fear

While in my dark veins blood still flows

As the Turkish hordes draw near

If we'll survive the night, only the Lord knows...

As the sun settles in the East

The legions of Death feast

As the Dead to Hades enlist

The Hellenes battle on the Turk beast.

[Chorus:]

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[Chorus:]

City of God, City of Light

Constantinople

Defending Europe and her honor

Constantinople

Like the Phoenix will rise again!

[Instrumental outro]

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