

## Vincenzo Salvia

### "Degeneration"

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Degeneration

Wiseman they call me, elder and sage  
I have always been there, through all time and age  
I am the essence, the visionary  
Hear my words, dear listener, dare  
For with thee my story I share:

Once upon a tragedy our knights returned  
With triumphant euphoria from their quest  
In lands forgotten and forlorn  
And entered our citadel, but not alone...

From the plateau of the battlements I espy  
Black flowers on the skin depicting their cloth  
An absurd legacy of the subdued  
Lurks in their honorable hearts  
...The precursor of a latent drama

Virgins, bards and fools await their scene  
As teeth are chopped in muscle tissue  
Voluptuous fusion of saliva and sperm  
Phallus and flesh, hunger and lust  
Infernal orgy of decadent meat  
Yersinia Pestis - unveiled

High above the feast, hidden in the clouds  
Moon's sickle waits, threatening to behead  
Succulent odors swallowed by the stench of decay  
The dancing scythe joins the carnal play

"Such as I was you are,  
And such as I am you will be  
Wealth, honor and power are of no value  
At your hora mortis"

"Were my eyes not hollow, would I perceive  
Your untouched beauty and angelic grace  
My dear lady, so dainty and cold,  
Oh grant me this dance and your life shall end old"

A wave through foul bodies  
Culmination of the sick  
Life's defloration  
And the Dead overcome the Quick

"Your bright red lips grown deathly pale  
As you listened to the dying men's wail  
I have done my work well, now I will depart  
What I leave behind is called macabre art!"

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