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Skyclad "Single Phial"

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I have walked the earth so many times before your birth,

Today is only yesterday's tomorrow.

And as the gardener in Eden it was I who sowed the seed then.

I've come here to reclaim this life you borrow.

Singing 'ring a ring o rosies' for your final lullabye,

Have you any prayers to make before you wave your last goodbye?

I bring 'a pocket full of posies' - lay a wreath to ease my

As the lights go out forever not one drop of blood was spilt.

Chorus:

As yet unwritten history -

once more I'll stride the lighning road,

Identity a mystery -

my burden is Pandora's load.

Traversing endless centuries -

disguised behind Death's lipless smile,

I hide that my intention is to pour this single phial.

I'd have rather seen your face almost any other place,

Still here we meet - always the way in this profession.

And as I gaze into your eyes I see the glimmer within dies,

From the moment I first make my dark confession.

How could I swear I would be there for you until your dying day,

Certain in the knowledge that it's not that far away!

So you leave me sitting here bewildered as a new dead ghost,

While I try to justify destroying that which I love most.

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The dark millenium i ending - final daze of the decayed,

And a reign of tears is falling - it's the judgement eve parade.

Though I wash my hands a thousand times - still the guilt remains,

She stole my heart - I took her life...

(and yet I never knew her name).

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Out with a whimper - not with a bang.

And they all gathered round when the church bells rang.

Singing 'bring out your dead' - they'll stretch for miles,

To be bourne to their graves in single files.

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