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Theatre Of Tragedy "Cheerful Dirge"

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Play by Raymond, Music by Theatre of Tragedy

"Hap mirthfulness! - Oh! joy of grand riddance;

Undress me my hauberk! - the wyvern hath errant'd."

"Ire of yore - bard of e'eryears -

I deem the brood hath wan'd -

fore'ermore?!"

"Fro the chasm of the bosom, bale I hand back.

Hark! my dove - henceforth I bulwark thee! -

Feathers of swans in my pillow - I cede my heart.

Make haste! - I pray - respond my plea!"

"Lo! - a sire of great awe - a knight of

many battles!"

"...And of kinsmen weeping for the slain!

Please! - heed my words;

In thy sorrow I will kiss thy tears -

In thy bliss I will take thee by thy hand -

The sapor of grapes thou shalt savor -

And harken the nightingale sing oh so blithely!"

"On his knees...A plea to harvest

roses;

No heed for the thorns yon count!

Wherefore this gild $\tilde{A}f\hat{A}$ ©d proffer?

Wherefore not pay court to a maid

more fair? -

Morn of a joyous day! Hower 'twixt

weed!

Fertile desert! Cheerful dirge!

Misery me not! - man nor beast; envy

me;

Lest 'tis an act of wont!

Many are the drapes that my past

bury -

Ineffable feeling indulgeth in battles!"

"Tisn't what thou vambrace'st thy words with!!;

I bethink dotingly only thy weal -

"Forgive me for deeming thee direfully -

Therein abdiding with thee

Yet I was a trifle daunt'd."

Is for me the grandest boon!"

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