

# The Parchment

Iron Maiden

When the moon will rise again  
Until we read the Parthian skin  
Broken fears warring days are here again  
'Fore we all to dust descend  
Heaven knows when life will end  
God to know in the mire, put out the fire

Know there is a cross to bear  
In your primal quest of fear  
No quarter now is given no less  
Aslumber was my main ideal  
Asunder did my spirit steal  
Sceptered race uttered words in disgrace

Sweet revenge will be ours  
Vengeance of a shaken world  
Just remember that patience is no sin  
And to find another way  
Live to breathe another day  
Lord of light in the darkness, our guide

In a tempest never shaken  
Edge of doom is not mistaken  
Countenance is not a sin  
Gallant king, we bow to him  
Fierce as wolf with a leopard skin  
Dark and bitter deep within  
Invader punished with his life  
Vanquished in the morning

Sea of blood in light divine  
Unholy reverence enjoyed  
Intoxicated with their hell  
Man immortal sickness dwell  
Savage beasts troops engage  
Assembled here to butcher blades  
Smoke has darkened in the air  
Smell of death and deep despair

Wilderness a tyrant dream  
Sell your soul not give them power  
Slay upon imperial crown  
Witness now the witching hour  
Bound himself to oath and king  
Such loyalty, a shameless thing  
Youth of agony still burn  
Shedding parents blood

Never say a prayer to me  
For this crime and treachery  
Drinking from your cup of wisdom true  
Many men will follow you  
Now an army is raised  
And our gods, they be praised  
Death is but a guilted edge  
Shall no more than we will pledge

Hear the cry we are ready to believe

The prodigal has returned  
Give us our own revenge  
With the power he learned  
We will burn the same again  
A betrayal of angels in a foreign land  
A revenge for the merciful destiny at hand

For all those who have written  
In the sand will be told  
That the same will happen, searching for gold  
Like a fire in the sky  
I can feel strength return  
Heading for afterlife, meet me there