

# The Rot

## Aviators

The poison in the cherry wine  
A state of death but trapped in time  
Afflicted with a nightmare's touch  
That mother could not cure  
A crimson promise kept to me  
And I cling to it carefully  
When battles fought could break my soul  
It whispers to endure

As flowers blow in southern winds  
They tell the tales of my own sin  
When I can't stop the fight I'm in  
And scarlet spreads once more

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The rot inside  
A poison and a creed  
My parasite  
I am changed but free  
And it strengthens me  
Still to survive  
(Survive, survive, survive)  
So like a river flows  
I'll move along  
As the infection grows  
My heart beats strong  
I will thrive consumed  
As a midnight bloom  
Into the dawn (the dawn, the dawn)

A killing blow from nature's wrath  
The detour on my divine path  
In fallout of the shattered  
The debtors are unpaid  
Misguided by the influence  
Of the last order's ignorance  
There's hope left in the bloodline still  
It slumbers far away

Beyond the mountains on the sea  
Lies kindred grace for Valkyries  
The wait for a homecoming  
It grows to countless days

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So if I must wait forever  
For salvation or the grave  
I have bound my soul to vengeance  
And I've taken what I crave  
I will stop the interruptions  
Even if I lose my mind  
When the roaches come I'll crush them  
As I'm running out of time

Within the rot it seems  
There's a faint humanity  
That speaks to the affliction as it grows  
And all I have become  
In the years of growing numb  
Is perfect in the ways I've come to know

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