Lament For The Last Days

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The crescent moon is rising slow Swiftly blades in ice do grow On the branches star-bleached snow Waits while time is passing

Outside the door the dancer whirls Chiming bells and shining curls Flying footsteps in the snow Rhyme the rhythm of ruin

Beside the wall the beggars call "Man have mercy on us all"
The night-bound choir inside chants on -- A hymn to brick and pistols

You can stumble, you can fall Or you can make the nations crawl But when death comes in to call He don't care about it

Oh, Satan take thy cup away
For I'll not drink your wine today
I'll reach for the chalice of light
That stands on Jesus' table