

# When Misery Was A Stranger

Cradle of Filth

Cantankerous the seas,  
Her verses cursed with this disease  
The long-awaited written in our veins  
That this golden age of wonder is undone  
Before the thunder  
Of another tyrant smitten with his gains

Decadence shall dance upon the dead  
And the zealots of modernity  
Deafening, confirming that the heavenly are burning  
With the screaming of the Valkyries

Plagued with regret  
Lest we forget

Deep beguile, degenerate bile  
Ashing of the deeds as Armageddon smiles

Where torment holds court  
And dreams are for naught  
The present is fraught  
With all-besieging danger

But we recall  
Love, not the cruel  
Held peaceable rule  
When misery was a stranger

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Irretrievable crimes  
No reason or rhyme  
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Clinging to the past I see tomorrow sat aghast  
Upon a raw epiphany  
Singing of the path leading to this final gasp  
As missiles score their symphonies

How did despotic days turn to horror and decay  
Beneath these eyes of vanity?  
Now a war engulfs the face of a crazed inhuman race  
Fed on bred insanities

Death to the false  
Red flags we repulse

Unreconciled, the truth exiled  
Peace on earth, no mercy mild

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When misery was all but lost

Now sticky ichor trickles down the window, not a little  
And feathers drift from sick and frightened skies  
Vast figures shift behind the roaring storm clouds, undivine  
Highlighted by the lightning strikes on high

A heavy sorrow like a shroud, descends  
A winding sheet

The wind lashes  
Poisoned tongues of our defeat

Long poisoned tongues of our defeat

A darkness comes to fester  
The dying sunset westers  
Then a flash like a thousand summers blaze  
And the pain is pressed to stay