## Once... In The Windblasted North

## **Cryptic Wintermoon**

In between the wastelands of endless ice and snow
Lays the place abandoned from mankind long ago
Frozen seas of blood - towers built of flesh and bones
And the presence on insanity on the shadows throne
Great evil is dwelling here for ages - high in the lands of fro
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Stories turn to legends - and empires fall to dust - the awakin g of the ancient is at hand

Spreading the reign of shadows terror - high up in the abandone d land

Moving shadows at the edge of the wood - where twilight found y ou out there all alone

In the darkness and the freezing  $\operatorname{cold}$  - and far far away from home

Ages went by in a storm of years - in the wind blasted north For a time there were rumors to hear - of shadows and the dark things you fear

And beneath a great mountain hidden in darkness a shadow writhe d in chains

Eaten by hate to the edge of madness moving figures - playing h is games

All figures set - for the final strike leaving me alone against a hundred - this night

So I grab weapon and shield — ready to face my fate — a quick p rayer comes over my lips

To those gods up there who left me up there where my brothers a wait

Courage was what my gods honoured - one against hundred And with all hope lost I engaged into battle

But suddenly wind was rising and turned into a storm — a blizza  $\operatorname{rd}$  of ice and deadly  $\operatorname{cold}$ 

It did me no harm but smashed my enemy and slayed then one by o ne

And amidst the blizzard I could see moving shadows of my father

And all my brothers I have lost in battle

So my prayers have been heard in this darkest hour my northern gods have returned to me...

Deadly blizzards - beasts of ice - in northern lands - where no rthmen rise

Blessed by cold - the winteborn - to give your life for your go d you've sworn

Your heart for the lands of winter - and your sword strikes for the light

For your god I will die

And my fate is the shield of mine - born in the land of north a

nd here I will die

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