Shadow Duet

Dark Tranquillity

Voice of the Shadow of Beauty Voice of the Shadow of Darkness Stanne

Shadows play
In my wilderness' mindscape
They seek
One spiteful and wicked
One humble and meek

A windswept pale landscape Of edified thought Two frictional forces A triad have brought

Woven

A soft breeze whispers slowly
Within me
In the valley of my mind
The aerial mists sink falling
And its breath both foul and holy
Is like the deer to a dying hind
Slowly traversing the atmosphere
Calling

Wordless, yet in soul so true Nameless, yet it lives in you Shapeless like the purity of pain Lawful when all fear is slain

- One shadow of beauty caressing the flowers The paleness of winter reflects in her eyes-

Deity of stardom
Enticer of stardoom
So soft and so silent
Maternal - eternal
Serenity fades
Blinded by visions of sunlight nocturnal
With the darkening of skies

One shadow of darkness
A shade of deep hate
A wanderer's spectre with fury ablaze
In sheets of sharp silver
Laid youthful to die
Reborn into vengeance
Dark flames dance in grace

Dark flames dance in grace In the grace of storms

One shadow of beauty
One shadow of darkness
Sailing free on the sea within my mind

Surging dark oceans

Perpetual waters
Creator of life
And reclaimer of souls
Mother ocean
Watching the deep fjords uneasily moving
Whipping the white waves towards the cold air
Rising like swans in a scarred, sudden motion
A cascade of lost feathers
Adrift on the sea

Hark

A serenade in the tongue of the wind

The sighs of the centuries, so sonorous in the bower Hovering further athwart a leafy cover A shelter for those Whose time's wind make them wither And therefore they choose to guide This time-wind hither

Alas, in tune with the tide of time I was, but I'm not Nor I'll be with its pride

Yes, aeons have flown
But more is to come
For I know time
But time is not eternal
Their life stars not immortal
A friend that I greet with open arms
Setting souls can never
A brother soul of deadly harm
Pass through the pearly portal
No bliss be given
And joy, nor joy

Flowing down the gates of hell
Fire
I cry for you...
Don't spill your tears for me
But for your kit and kin
My scions of light?
Deprived of the lust and the treasure of pleasure
Which is the fuel for life and glory

Silent your dark desires within entirety's light

Solitude
Sanctity
Sanctuary
Sanctum, sanctum,
Sanctum (tranquility)

Hear me You who hold the fate of stars in hand Before creation's eye I stand My soul set free In summerland

Mighty the strand of the universe A chaos void tomb of dead worlds Hark
What?

Divinity flows in your heart
Cast it alight, the seed of all art
Slowly reborn from a sunless state of mind
Silent, you fool
A cradle of roses
Embedded in stillness and shade

Silent, you fool
Thine words are untrue
Remember Endymion's crestfallen tears
Serene art the gods, yet pain is their way
He touched by the heavens
His hellfire nears

A silent divinity, now see your body of air Free now your heavenly body of air

Come bathe in the rays of the all-seeing one Holding the fate of all life in both hands Breathing life-force
Like gold made from sand

My winged steed of moonlight
Black stallion of thunder
We rode above the greenish earth
And tore the green asunder
But what you left bleeding
Destroyed a soulforsaken world
And your deeds of sharp silver
Decoyed a mindforsaken herd

A duet of shadows
A duet of shadows
A duet of thoughts
A duet of thoughts
Of beings we feed
With the dust of our thoughts
Residing within us
The two-fold wheel of life
Of insight created: a triad of jewel

A thin leaf of the life-tree's truth