

## Fiery Serpents

Deathspell Omega

...I had a salowe vision  
wherein were fiery serpents and scorpions and drought  
...sand, in an abrasive swirling murk,  
covered the crackled book of life...

A testimony  
from the dimension of regret.  
This voice comes  
from the second right after the disaster  
when all there is left to say  
in a distressed whisper is  
It is too late.  
The irreparable has been carved in stone  
and those made accountable for it are you.  
Standing, shivering in cold dim light  
waiting for the sentence of the Holy Dead  
like Adam and Eve at the end of time.

One may argue that it was flawed  
since the beginning  
that the dice were loaded  
that God had it all within  
that He is the Source.  
O heavenly Father!  
pathogenic agent of contamination.  
harbringer of catastrophe,  
icon of the impending Fall:  
but what difference does it make?  
Altitudines Satana  
the vertigo of Liberty  
tipped the scales.  
A shadow of horror is risen.

This will not be redeemed  
no matter how sincere the genuflection  
and ardent the confession.