They call me Gladiator A slave to Rome, Hero to the mob I must entertain to rise Kill to live or die The strength I bleed, I take for my freedom Criminal they say, persecuted A puppet for the people's amusement This is my kingdom, the coliseum Where I will meet the after life Pain is the level of all of your fears Survival of my soul to light I surrender the sun for your life I challenge the gods to die He who is about to die we salute you Fight honorably until the moment you meet your afterlife Terror bestows my body and mind Rejoice in dignity, a chance to live in glory and adoratoion fo r eternity My sword and shield are the only things real to me I feel the wrath calling me... to take this life from me Thrust the gladius, into the flesh it rips Screams of anguish lost into the dust Take your last breath vision the sky dark touch the light see t he iron mask save your soul The crows wait to feed I live for another day, another moment under the sun Break the silence of the crowd as they cheer for the final blow

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