## **Pretender**

## James LaBrie

Ahh, ahh, ahh
Lead me to the oceans white sands
Ahh, ahh, ahh
Where I can catch myself
Ahh, ahh, ahh
Let the water cool and soothe me
Ahh, ahh, ahh
A steady rhythm flows

I cannot deny it's holy
I know who you are
I can feel - You know me

Send your pretender A man divine his power Who dares judge or question His words scripted by liars Gross intervention

Proclaims their one desire Distorting the facts Ancient voices tired

Ahh, ahh, ahh
Forgotten words from long ago
Ahh, ahh, ahh
Speak volumes to me now
Ahh, ahh, ahh
Plagiarism is our truth
Ahh, ahh, ahh
Allegiance to a hoax

So these chosen few are holy Perpetuate fear Til the guilt consumes me

Send your Pretender
Designed for one Empire
Erase the offenders
Persecuted fires
They will not answer
For wars which they inspired
And those who surrender
Their voices growing tired

Shaped
Each one of us
Shadows of the
Third century
Our fate
A fatal error
Created our
Tragic history

Buried message The writings of truth Religions challenged There not amused

Transformed vision
This truth recognized
No further deception
Their pious position

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Persecuted fires
Who dares judge or question
These words scripted by liars
They will not answer
For wars which they inspired

Parallels
Understanding
The message is clear
Fanned into full flame
Ideology
Beliefs in a system
Unlike philosophy
The failure to listen