Life Among the Ruins

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Gunfire up in heaven no religion here raping your salvation, the last sound that you'll hear the snap of the noose the crack of the whip the hangman's face is torn in shameless crucifixion a savage nation's born

Behold the new messiah, arising from the wound in rags of execution freedom is consumned

You are a rose you are a blade I'm down on my knees in the dark in the fiery reign life among the ruins

I've lived among the ruins walked among the dead loved among the wreckage beneath a flag of red communion of blood so bitter the cup a union born of fear creation and perdition a world within a tear

Behold the new messiah, arising from his bed holier in silence, paler than the dead

[Chorus]

[Chorus/with - I challenge you to love my bride of pain]

With the dying sun of autumn bathing us in gold we walk the desolation hand in hand against the cold while rampant runs the reaper all thru the barren plains with sycthe in hand he reaches to harvest the last remains in agony you stumble with a curse upon your lips you die I can't feel you anymore vengeance is mine!

[Chorus 2x/with - bare your breast and save this child of pain] life among the ruins