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A Soldier

Purgas Grove

As the mists and the damp of early November
Hid the whipering woods of the Sangamon tree
The smoldering fires were all I remember
The curse of this land, it still haunted me

Just at dusk, as I moved through the shadows
Fear and my guilt caused unbearable pain
Your voice in this place is now just a whisper
Without a shape, any form would sustain

The priests long ago, I remember they told us
Stay away from this woodland, wait until dawn
When the darkness and all of its' voices have scattered
When the Masters of death they have finally gone

The Ferial days, we knew they were narrow
Soon the things of the dark will be here, will be born
The house of the moon now is cold, now is empty
Prayer and my faith they surely will scorn

Alone in this grove, in sorrow I've wandered
To hear your voice once again from the trees
Your fragrance with Nightshade meanders
Your scent I can feel as a stench on the breeze

It taunts me with whispers, it's part of the madness
The screams and the cries plead aloud from the cove
You're gone now, in torment my soul still remembers
The demons, (their dwellings) , in dark Purgas Grove

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When Came The Dawn

At evening time when sets the sun
A creeping darkness then will come
And bury yet another day
Into the night where demons play

I came this way, (a time or two)
And tried to hold at bay
Dark forces now that evil do
Would steal it all away

A different music on the wind
A different sound I hear
The moaning of the spirit-world
Of pain, Of loss, Of fear

I wandered lonely, where to go
That I may ease my tortured soul
A phantom sower hating dawn
But with the planting carry on

A grisly forest, blackened, dead
These tunes were playing, in my head
I followed where this music led
A Roman chorus, now all dead

A silent scream, 'Please let me be'
As I hid behind the tree
There to stay, eternally
A cursed shadow, never free

But as the sun begins to rise
A golden light to cleanse the skies
Chase the darkness; Yes it does
And now I find I never was

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