And when I saw the little children sing Their mouths were red and sad Their lipsticksealed smiles And in their minds they hold and hope some sign Some hope The gaudy sequinned dragging banner of the inmost light Around my eyes the sewers spew and laugh The fallen flower gazes at me reaped The crippled cuckoo falls brokenwing And turns around to me and brokenbeak grins From its head Thus so no fear thus so it has arrived The inmost light And if I turn my head for shame And see my lovers' rivers burst and folding there I'll cross my eyes and close my heart And whisper to her womb Greatblood greatsilencemymot herthemysteryofall Nothing maygraspth eenoonemay graspthee Let meholdthee nowohcom eohcomeatlast The inmost light

Oh God I trail my hands up to my eyes
Up to my eyes up to my eyes up to my eyes
And say if only then my light and if only if only if
I had not despised
The inmost light
And so I kneel at bluegate blackmouthdeath
And offer as my feeble explanation
I thought so much was left and so much
Time to praise and call the inmost light

And I suppose full half and more of these are dreams Some broken code of morals rising after I had touched Her very pith and marrow oh her inmost light

If I could scatter children
If I could scatter children

And while I gaze and count my coins

After your godgoldglow they're dead The head is dead and lead I see and feel the hiding glow blaze behind you The inmost light And if your lips are taut Don't move your teeth to speak The lines will start to fall And pull the structure of your world Then all apart And thus you'll see you'll call the inmost night It wispered to me and laughed and said you Lied and shamed the inmost light And if you recall I bent yewlike and roared You did not see the cloudburst wind dead towards you Of the inmost light Our hands tumble towards the skies The block visions of the inmost light

And if I pointless arch And spit white nothings at the sky Oh bigboys check it out too fucking late The children move through town And skip tornskirted and roll the hoop into the arms Of the inmost light Sheer char shrift and sharp Christ is risen you may creep to the cross too late But it's much too late to welcome the inmost light Branch sallow willow yew and tree Not so gay no more So falling faster and faster we fall Nearer cataclysm Or salvation Or nothing how terrible I we are snuffed out with just the momentary mark of smoke To array our passing So we stand milky in moonlight

Is this all there is?
Is this all there is?
Is this all there is?
Our eyes so fixed
That the darkness surrounds us
Unnoticed
And we are drowned by the loss of light
Unnoticed
Is this all there is my friends?
Is this all there is?

Goodnight goodnight the inmost light

Westron wynde when wyll thow blow?
The smalle rayne downe can rayne can rayne
Cryst yf my love were in my armys
And I yn my bed a gayne

Will you wait for me there by the dead clock?
No more dying
One red bird
Will You meet me there?
Before I sputter out?
Dragonflies and mayflies
Hovering candles
As alabaster guardians for me
If you open that door
All hell floods out
But quietly drably
The colour of
The smell of
The texture of
Dust