

## Life's Emblem

Marduk

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And pity visit the half smiling face  
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Man: So say me noble stranger, what brings you here  
this night?

Death: I have come to release you from the bitter taste  
of life

Man: Why me? Why now? It cannot be my time

Death: Everything that falls to the ground is mine!

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Man: But in youth am I still, and in flesh am I strong

Death: And I have a disease for every sin that you have  
done

Man: But Iýve done nothing wrong, nothing bad or  
untrue

Death: Neither God or Devil agrees with you!