

## A Cautionary Tale

Sabbat

Faustus begin thine incantations,  
take good care to draw thy circle true,  
by God must you prevail -  
for if you fail these  
demons make a meal of you.  
Your soul shall be their meat -  
a kingly feast for them to eat,  
beware your future at hand,  
alas for thou art damned.

GOOD ANGEL:

"Faustus seek repentance,  
[abjure this evil art,  
cease this wretched wickedness  
and cleans thy foolish heart,  
for the evil that once served you  
has made of you a slave,  
and transformed your bed of roses'  
to a premature grave."  
Then in a mighty flash of light  
before thee Mephistopheles appears.

FAUSTUS:

"I charge thee go and change thy shape,  
for you fill my soul with fear.  
Now swift-as-hell back to the fire  
return an old Franciscan Friar."

MEPHISTOPHELES:

"Mortal command me while you can,  
For surely thou art damned."

BAD ANGEL:

"Faustus be thou resolute  
in what thou wilt perform,  
ignore these righteous idiots -  
their trinity to scorn,  
for years of depravation you receive eternal life,  
but fame and wealth and maidens-fair  
are by far the better price."

FAUSTUS:

"Temptations all around me,  
is there nowhere I can turn?  
Hellfire is all about me,  
now I know that I shall burn,  
I face excommunication for the error  
of my ways -  
to burn in Hell for all my days.  
Bell, book and candle,  
candle, book, bell,  
forwards and backwards  
to damn me to Hell.  
Jehova I beg thee have mercy on my soul.  
Be gone foul beast that stands before me,  
my God! The midnight hour chimes,  
oh Lord have mercy he comes for me,  
I haven't got much time.  
I am awake this is no dream,  
I cry - but terror takes my scream,  
and now my future is at hand,  
also for I am damned."

GOOD ANGEL:

"Think for just one moment  
and I'm sure that you will see,  
the moral of this story -  
that what shall be must be.  
He who gives his soul to Hell,  
must dare to pay the price,  
he versed in divinity must  
live a noble life -  
OR ELSE HE IS DAMNED!