

A Smuggler's Tale

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Dusk fades as the moonlight greys
Every man at arms
Like a beckoning shroud
Cold eyes watch a crimson tide evolve

She rakes through the rocks then breaks
As the thunder clouds
Take a merciless bow
She climbs in the eye but then dissolves

This ship is riving on the reef
Soon her cargo will release
It pours like blood from every breach
Through the water to the beach

I race to the last embrace
For the few who rise
To the shallows are drowned
Most souls who remain the depths devour

Laid waste in a resting place
Where the tide departs
To the burial ground
No rest till the dead man's chest is ours

Inside a cage I forged from tears
Is a man who should be feared
I prime the blade I call 'Austere
Like a deadly cavalier

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Mistaking the fires we make
For the 'Harbour Mark'
Runs the money aground
We pray on the lost, we take it all

Gold braid for The Magistrate
Closes eyes and ears
To the deafening sound
We slay any soul that drifts ashore

These ragged marks show, wrist and shin
Where the manacle had been
This map of scars upon my skin
Is a chronicle of sins

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