## **Takitum Tootem (Trance)**

The Ruins of Beverast

Thrones...as far as the eye can reach...thrones Rotting ungarnished, an unsavoury patina As if it was given a genuine voice In a strident elegy for the shame of Kings

Bones...a landscape of bones Here, at the junction of old roads, old dust raised Welcome our Kings in their iron chariots Acclaim them in humility, and form a guard of honour

Skeletons of the underbrush Beasts of the mountains Ghosts of the sea Bury your hearts in obedient silence!

Pride devours pride King devours king Dynasties of miserable sleep -Finally haunted by animal eyes Finally fallen!

Here, at the very end of all bacchanal frenzy Behold our Kings - naked, ashamed, abased

Hubris! Hubris! Hubris! No nightmare left undreamt Hubris! Hubris! Hubris!