

# ILLUMI



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## Arcadia

Utopia, millennia  
The golden promise old as time  
Voices of this glorious decadence  
Dancing through flames to align

Words of warning, and premonition  
Blackened skies clothe the citadel  
Fate of judgment, slow-burning anger  
No longer dormant lies the perfect spell

Behold! Your Arcadia  
Eden's stadium  
Hell's Colosseum  
In Arcadia

Aroma of reason, burning now  
Tears of tyranny stream like rain  
A paradise of peace, long forgotten now  
Wisdom lost, what will remain?

Behold! Your Arcadia  
Eden's stadium  
Hell's Colosseum  
In Arcadia

We shall rebuild one stone at a time  
The rock will become a mountain tonight  
A shining, golden citadel, upon a hill  
No empire shall overcome  
Dreams never to be forgotten

Behold! Your Arcadia  
Eden's stadium  
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In Arcadia

## Save the World

Always searching for a sign  
That the world is falling down  
Ever ceasing to resign  
When the forecast speaks of storms around

"You're never gonna save the world (so give up the fight)"  
"You're never gonna change the world (and I don't even mind)"

You rejoice when the dark gets darker  
'Cause it means that you'll be gone before too long  
You wanna leave this world in style  
But what if we are here for a while?

"You're never gonna save the world (so give up the fight)"  
"You're never gonna change the world (and I don't even mind)"  
"Don't polish brass on this sinking ship (so wipe off that grin)"  
"It's all going to hell in a hand basket (even God can't win)"

These self-fulfilling prophecies  
A plague, a virus, and disease

"You're never gonna save the world (so give up the fight)"  
"You're never gonna change the world (and I don't even mind)"  
"Don't polish brass on this sinking ship (so wipe off that grin)"  
"It's all going to hell in a hand basket (even God can't win)"

"You're never gonna save the world"  
"You're never gonna change the world"

Time to reach for higher ground  
Time to take the time  
Winds of change have blown me down  
Conquering the line





## Angel Fell

You whisper in magnetic tones  
My thoughts begin to turn to stone  
Pools of darkness begin to shimmer black  
Secrets surface here at last

Here the darkness overtakes me  
I try to run but I can't move  
Here the stars, they're falling for me  
I try to run but I can't hide from you

Angel fell down from heaven  
Signet of perfection  
You moved upon that mountain  
Enchanted pride, your weapon (but it's all a lie)

Wings glisten as they hover nigh  
Disguised to the blinded eye  
Cruel and shameless in this underworld  
And in sorrow, wandering in circles

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I try to run but I can't move  
Here the stars, they're falling for me  
I try to run but I can't hide from you

Angel fell down from heaven  
Signet of perfection  
You moved upon that mountain  
Enchanted pride, your weapon (but it's all a lie)

Lies, lies  
In this madness  
Lies, lies  
In your weakness  
Lies, lies  
On my shoulder  
Lies, lies  
Under cover  
Lies, lies  
In my slumber  
Lies, lies  
Clouds that hover

## Enter the Highlands

Don't wait for my return  
I'll enter the highlands

So lost! Souls taught  
Souls lost! So caught

Deep, deep, ocean, deep  
Silent souls, you do keep  
Did you know, did you foresee?  
Where did you go? Eternity...

Sweet aroma of soul incense  
When mountains devour minds in a trance  
Sweeter promises of deliverance  
This poison in their veins  
Perpetual death within their own chains

Don't wait for my return  
I'll enter the highlands  
These ancient stones are crying out  
Breaking the silence

So lost! Souls taught  
Souls lost! So caught

Always looking for the day  
For the messenger  
Always looking away  
Into mortal exile

You will always leave them speechless and trembling  
You will always shake the fear inside, so horrifying  
You will always take them by surprise, in silence  
Erasing history and drown into the sea

So lost! Souls taught  
Souls lost! So caught

Deep, deep, ocean, deep  
Silent souls, you do keep  
Did you know, did you foresee?  
Where did you go? Eternity...

## In the Palm of Your Hand

Souls scream out  
Into the void of their hearts  
Eyes circle  
To accuse who we are

I'm gonna stand in the heat of the fire  
Swim to the depths of the sea  
I will fall into the palm of your hand

Skies rain down  
As the heavens cry aloud  
Thunder echoes  
Awakening the sons and cosmos  
for its crown

I'm gonna stand in the heat of the fire  
Swim to the depths of the sea  
I will fall into the palm of your hand  
I will stand though I'm weak and broken  
March to the gates of hell  
I will trust in the timing of this dance

## Alpha et Omega

In principio, in principio  
creavit Deus caelum et terram  
Terra autem erat inanis et vacua  
Et tenebra super faciem abyssi

Spiritus Dei ferebatur super aquas

Audivi vocem de caelo tamquam  
vocem  
aquarum multarum et tamquam vocem  
tonitruum magni;  
et vox, quam audivi, sicut  
citharoedorum  
citharizantium in citharis suis

Spiritus Dei ferebatur super aquas

Ego Alpha et Omega primus et  
novissimus  
Ego Alpha et Omega principium et  
finis

Spiritus Dei ferebatur super aquas

## Heart of Poison

In this little corner of this little world  
I feel so helpless at times  
Never ceasing wonder, ever-chasing pearls of  
Wisdom, into the night

Domine misteriorum  
Custos aenigmatum

All that is revealed, we're holding in our grasp  
Forever, and ages to come  
All that is concealed, and all that has collapsed  
Power, it's never enough

Some of us still scream  
And some of us look away  
Blinding, into the mind  
Oh this ancient world, crying out from the grave  
One day, we will be free

Domine misteriorum  
Custos aenigmatum

All that I can understand  
All my mind can comprehend  
So treacherous is the hand  
Which feeds the heart of poison

Souls chasing fantasies  
Sleep walking in these dreams  
So treasonous is the man  
Who loves the heart of poison

Free me from myself  
From my only limitation  
This burden holding me down  
All my will, will never be enough  
In this little corner of this little world  
I feel so helpless at times  
Never ceasing wonder, ever-chasing pearls of  
Wisdom, into the night



## Hourglass

Slowly, I remain a whisper  
Softly, I regain my insides

And as the hourglass  
You're slipping away  
Drifting away, away from me now

Time is running out  
I watch the sun go down  
Wandering around  
Until you fade into the ground

And as the hourglass  
You're slipping away  
Drifting away, away from me now

All I know, is the pain  
Will finally fade someday  
All I know, is this day  
Forever burned and washed away

Someday, in the shadow of this  
place  
I will never see your face again  
Moonlight never looked so burning  
bright  
These visions still burn my eyes  
within

And as the hourglass  
You're slipping away  
Drifting away, away from me now

## Palace of Dreams

Oh book of secrets, of whispers and echos  
How long have you longed to come to life?  
Courage in hiding, in darkness and shadows  
Patiently waiting for the right time  
To descend from the heavens like a sign

The time has come for this tower to fall  
To bring down the sages and ancient walls  
Breaking the spells of kings and queens  
Open our eyes beyond the palace of dreams

Centuries of building and dynasty wielding  
Still the cracks are forming all around  
Vines spiral sacred pillars of iniquity  
Choking mysteries without a sound  
Deadened castle secrets bleeding out

The time has come for this tower to fall  
To bring down the sages and ancient walls  
Breaking the spells of kings and queens  
Open our eyes beyond the palace of dreams

Winter is slowly melting  
I feel the sun on my face  
Frost bitter, but burning away  
I feel heaven's rays

The time has come for this tower to fall  
To bring down the sages and ancient walls  
Breaking the spells of kings and queens  
Open our eyes beyond the palace of dreams

Tyrannus es  
Your time will come...  
Tyrannus es  
Your tower will fall...  
Tyrannus es  
...and scatter as dust  
Nullum regnum habes

## This Present Darkness

I see the arrows fly, I see the fire coming  
Hold steady in the line, nothing is surprising  
And those who are asleep, and those who close their eyes  
Swimming in self-defeat, they choose to believe the lies

When the ground is shaking, when shadows surround  
Hold steady in the line, we're doing something right  
The words which are deceived, their eyes can plainly see  
Truth which every living soul knows so deeply

In this present darkness  
We will push the antithesis  
Fighting not against the flesh  
In the heavenly places  
In this world of darkness  
Where the cosmic war rages  
Light will pierce the ages  
In celestial spaces

And so the arrows fly and fire burns around  
Hold steady in the line and hold your ground  
These gates are made of deception and fall they shall  
No weapon formed against us will prevail!

In this present darkness  
We will push the antithesis  
Fighting not against the flesh  
In the heavenly places  
In this world of darkness  
Where the cosmic war rages  
Light will pierce the ages  
In celestial spaces

One word spoken...  
And the walls shall fall!

This kingdom built on rock, stone walls of eternity  
And it shall fill the earth as waters cover the sea  
There's no delaying predestined destiny  
Hold steady in the line, a breakthrough symphony!

## The Crown

All I feel  
Consuming me  
All I breathe  
My destiny  
In my sleep  
Awaking dream  
Clouds above  
Arresting peace

Every moment  
Fighting through  
Reminding myself  
Of the truth  
Shattered pieces  
Into  
This weight upon my  
Shoulders...

Won't you come through

Take this burden down  
My eyes are searching for the crown  
Break these shackles now  
Take me through this drought  
Through this desert of doubt

Winds are trying to blow me down  
The sun is burning in my mind  
No direction, no compass now  
No home to go to, on my own  
I'm on my own, won't you come

Won't you find me?  
Won't you find me?  
Won't you come through...

Take this burden down  
My eyes are searching for the crown  
Break these shackles now  
Take me through this drought  
Through this desert of doubt

## Remnant

Words, they cut so deep  
Carving into the flesh  
This cross so heavy  
There is no rest  
Betrayal, deception  
Whips of dishonesty  
Corruption, Oppression  
For this reality

Triumph in tribulation  
Nothing can stop us now  
These scars will serve  
As a reminder  
Of shifting, and sifting  
Shaking us all apart  
Can we take the pressure  
Of a refiner's fire?

Narrow is the way  
And few who will find it  
Wide is the gate to destruction  
The remnant will remain  
The relic of promise  
Sacrifice to regain  
Our rightful inheritance!

Loss and liberation  
Paradox of this life  
It's shedding light  
In the dark of the night  
Oh eyes, they see  
But they are still so blind  
Their minds are open  
But they know nothing now

Narrow is the way  
And few who will find it  
Wide is the gate to destruction  
The remnant will remain  
The relic of promise  
Sacrifice to regain  
Our rightful inheritance!

## There Is No Farewell

There is no farewell  
In the courtyard, beyond this realm  
Nothing out of reach  
When destiny at the helm

A fragrant wind, it blows  
No one knows where it will go  
Moving mountains and sky  
To the depths of my soul

Oh, enchanted sleep  
A vision transcending beauty  
A prayer beyond the sea  
A distant roar, it echoes through me

My fortress is no more  
You opened my heart along your shore  
Magic calls us there  
Eternity, forever yours

Better is one day in this court  
Than a thousand days in my mind  
Better is the fountain of life  
Than all the water and oceans combined

There is no farewell  
In the courtyard, beyond this realm  
Ancient words are there  
Speaking life to repair

Better is one day in this court  
Than a thousand days in my mind  
Better is the fountain of life  
Than all the water and oceans combined

## Siúil a Rún

I wish I was on yonder hill  
'Tis there I'd sit and cry my fill  
Until every tear would turn a mill  
Is go dté tú mo mhúirnín slán

Siúil, siúil, siúil a rún  
Siúil go sochair agus siúil go ciúin  
Siúil go doras agus éalaigh liom  
Is go dté tú mo mhúirnín slán

I'll sell my rock, I'll sell my reel  
I'll sell my only spinning wheel  
To buy my love a sword of steel  
Is go dté tú mo mhúirnín slán

I'll dye my petticoats, I'll dye them red  
And 'round the world I'll beg my bread  
Until my parents shall wish me  
dead  
Is go dté tú mo mhúirnín slán

I wish, I wish, I wish in vain  
I wish I had my heart again  
And vainly think I'd not complain  
Is go dté tú mo mhúirnín slán

But now my love has gone to  
France  
To try his fortune to advance  
If he'er comes back, 'tis but a chance  
Is go dté tú mo mhúirnín slán





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