

# ARTACH – SWORN TO AVENGE (2021)

*Album lyrics*

## Tuiteam an Duine

Are we apart, above or one?  
Reasoned justifications  
All the power but lacking intelligence  
Lesser forms forced into subservience  
Grotesque traditions  
Pre-packaged death in cellophane  
Wilful ignorance, a weak excuse  
For unfathomable abuse

Creatures, all the same  
All that we are, losers in the game  
Temporary pleasure on display  
Tuiteam an Duine,  
The lambs are led astray

Justification, gratification  
A culture of depravity  
Glorification of death  
The Earth's last breath  
Contamination, spillage spewing  
Gagged by those in power

Creatures, all the same  
All that we are, losers in the game  
Our fallen world lays destroyed  
Tuiteam an Duine,  
We have lost our way

A society bread on fear  
See Terror in their eyes  
Deserving to be free  
Just like you and me  
Swarmed together, rotting in filth  
A pathogenic wasteland  
Hidden behind closed door  
An inhumane prison ignored  
A passage unjustified  
Sentience brushed aside  
The propaganda corrupts your mind.

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## **Ice Throne**

Warriors of ice  
Titans of the sky  
into battle  
Into the northern sky  
They Ride they crawl  
from within darkness falls

Frozen desert  
sculpted arches  
Crystallized fossilized Kings  
Controlling the skies  
Tundras arise  
Warriors they fly  
Ancient and wise

On an ice throne I reign  
From my eternal domain  
We are the rightful Kings  
Cold blood flows in our veins  
Dormant genetic code  
Awaken technologies forebodes

Once thought Frozen in Time  
The Fallen ones arise  
Through fire and ice we return  
Destroy conquer and burn

Drones Warriors take flight  
Like ice ravens into the night  
Genetic manipulation  
Downfall of civilization

# Shimmer

Weave and dance across the sky  
Shimmer in the darkness  
Solar winds drift by  
In this realm of darkness and cold  
Intoxicating colours so bold

Pulsate and flicker, hell-fires in heaven  
Electrons collide  
Lighting the way in northern realms  
Purple and green colours overwhelm

Glistening veil  
Blaze of auroral colours  
Dance and slither  
Shimmer

Skip across darkness of space at night  
Behold the skies ablaze with light  
Frozen in the tundra night  
Na Fir-chlis seen long ago  
Fearsome omens reflect on snow

Fires seen in the North  
Dwarven derived lightened by torch

Glistening veil  
Blaze of auroral colours  
Dance and slither  
Shimmer

Dawn of the north, rider in the darkness  
In this empty land,  
colour contrasts harshness  
Racing as far as the eye can see  
Lift me up and set me free

Aurora take me into your chariot  
Reaching upwards arise with lariat  
With flaming banner unfurled  
Mystical powers unleashed upon the world

Glistening veil  
Blaze of auroral colours  
Dance and slither  
Shimmer

"Tumultuous streams of glory gushed,  
Ten thousand thousand rainbows rushed  
And revelled through the boundless sky,  
In jousting, flashing radiance"

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Dance and slither  
Shimmer

## Endless Tundra

1845, a fateful expedition began  
Arctic explorer, in a time of kings  
leading with two ships  
A quest into the new world  
Enshrined in mystery,  
To find the illusive Northwest Passage

Bravery in our hearts  
Cold winds in our sails  
Leads us further away from home  
No fear within us  
We only lust for power  
Loyal servants of the throne

Waves now heaving  
Sailing to the unknown  
Duty, honour  
Servants of the throne  
Drifting farther  
Into total darkness  
Waves keep crashing  
As we lust for conquest

Sailors gather  
Young and old are found here  
Noble English  
Nothing that they fear  
Scoundrels outlaws  
None among this crew  
They shall meet death  
In an icy tomb

Our brave explorers  
Journey into a northern apocalypse

Frigid landscapes

Massive Tundra  
Like they have never seen  
Icy fog Frozen mountains  
As the ship is encased in ice

No hope of survival  
No chance to go home

Hey! If any man wants to turn back now  
He'll meet his death in a watery grave

We have journeyed far  
This unforgiving land  
We can't go on further  
Stuck into the ice

We are locked now  
Into a frozen hell  
No land in sight  
Only sheets of ice  
Terror mutiny  
As supplies run now  
Honour dies now  
Unrest in the crew

As winter fades  
The ship is now free  
Our journey continues  
Through endless tundra

Another year we have travelled  
Still cannot find our way  
We must look for safe harbour  
Before the frigid winter returns

And once again  
We are stranded  
Locked in sheets of ice

No hope of survival  
We won't last another winter

Locked in this frozen hell  
The only hope to survive  
We must abandoned ship

Drag your boats  
(Heave, heave)

They dragged their boats  
Far across the ice  
And they walked for miles  
Across endless tundra

You cannot survive  
This unforgiving land  
To freeze your very soul

Walking for many miles  
Seems like an eternity  
No sight of land  
Only endless snow

The captain is dead  
And we have abandoned ship  
May God have mercy on our souls

Freezing dying  
In this frozen wasteland  
Stranded shipwrecked  
Only numbing cold  
Starving for food  
Rations have now long gone  
Crewmen have died  
We must eat the dead

We have lost hope  
All humanity  
Tasting dead flesh  
Such depravity  
We cannot last  
In this frozen hell  
Now when you die  
They shall eat your bones

Their fate was revealed  
All souls were lost  
Inuit had tales  
Of dying white men

Fragile skeletons decimated  
Of dead body scattered  
Mutilated corpses  
Driven mad by hunger  
A story told denied by most

They suffered alone  
Their spirits shall not rest

Beyond the pale of hope  
A handful of men crossed  
Only to perish

Remember the dead  
Their spirits shall not rest

Their spirits dwell in endless tundra

"Ships log: we have reached the Arctic  
We have found several graves of dead sailors, gallant men of the royal navy  
We will journey further to King William Island but have not located the ship or any who may have survived"

## Into the Frozen Woodlands

Unprepared, yet unafraid  
Naive and lost, writing was on the wall  
Unbent knee with unreasonable desire  
When love and hate combine in fire

Wanderer, Where time stand still  
And no man dwells  
I stand alone forlorn  
Seeking that which cannot be found  
Disillusioned, he walks alone  
Into the frozen Woodland

Be all, see all, end this illusion  
Your money, your power, you reality  
A lie

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And no man dwells  
I stand alone forlorn  
Seeking that which cannot be found  
Disillusioned, he walks alone  
Into the frozen Woodland

She gathers leaves

The leaves burn  
Dead and dying  
A grey sky  
The backdrop to the falling

Dark figurine

Hidden like ghosts  
Creates a most enchanting feeling

Under October Twilight  
Misty Waters early morning  
Mirrors a pale lit sky  
The scent of smoke in her hair  
Reveries of the day gone by  
A morning Frost  
A chill in the air  
Ravens cry as winter is near

She gathers leaves  
A fall queen for Samhain  
Her altar is the forest  
Her beauty never fades  
Wearing a crown of thorns  
Spirits of old are mourned  
As We gather the harvest

A beauty in death so serene  
A lament for the October Queen

Summoning enchanting and reciting  
Tracing shapes in the air so inviting

Serpentine allure  
Twigs and Earth, the forest altar  
Whisper, can you hear the trees?  
The falling of their leaves

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A fall queen for Samhain  
Her altar is the forest  
Her beauty never fades  
Wearing a crown of thorns  
Spirits of old are mourned  
As We gather the harvest

Summer's glow fading away  
Beware this isn't fucking child's play

Caress  
your long flowing dress  
Hidden deep where Angels never sleep  
Long forgotten echoes of divergence  
She pledges allegiance to the night

She gathers leaves

A fall queen for Samhain  
Her altar is the forest  
Her beauty never fades  
Wearing a crown of thorns  
Spirits of old are mourned  
As we gather the harvest

Now we anoint our true Autumn Queen  
As she spreads her leaves  
And they turn aflame

We gather and whisper the chants of old  
Her beauty it grows ever more  
Wolves and Ravens gather among us  
Embracing the October Empress

## **Mistress of Black Thorns**

Arise  
Mistress of black thorns

Enchanting harlot  
Dressed in black

The princess of pain  
She drinks from the fountain of youth

Endless corruption  
Infinite seduction

Gather these burning leaves  
To her eternal beauty

Storm the gates  
Burn these temples down  
Monument to tyranny  
Cant escape your atrocity

We raise our banner  
The goddess you shall obey  
We burn your churches  
The mistress of black thorns

Endless Beauty  
She is surrounded by flames  
harlot in the temple  
the Mistress of black thorns

The dawning of a new age  
Frozen in a cryo state

Legions rise as chaos reigns  
In this black abyss

Winter winds beckon  
As we whisper words of treason

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## **Winter's End**

Weary from our toil  
Now the darkness subsides  
Our dreams are filled with madness  
As we journey the river of time

The sun breaks the morning darkness  
Now the old ones shall sleep  
The ice slowly melts away  
The trees are silent  
And the last flakes of snow falls at my feet

Death of winter  
Hatred of the ages  
Defy, defile, so sinister  
Patient and persistent rage

Drowned by flame  
Our shimmering kingdom lost  
Our world burns in colour  
Last flake, the final frost  
We creep into shadow

As spring sun embraces us all  
Winter fades, bloody rage  
With every ray of light  
hatred grows

After winter's roar  
New life emerges - regenerate

We know our time will come again  
We know that balance is required  
Still we lie in silence  
Deep beneath mountains hidden  
Darkness where coldness lingers  
There you will find us