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Despair

The Ruiner of Life
Stalks the Jungle of Time
Searching for souls
Ruining rhyme

Release in a requiem
Heaven or Hell
Eventide eternal
Sonnet of Azrael

To the nature of the jungle
We all must pay our debt
On the Stygian shore
At our final sunset

Many have died
Manifold have cried
Simple, it is, to sing the song invisible
To listen though...despair.

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