Dead End

He's got me pinned, back to the wall Close in slowly, as I recall Red stained hands leave my finger prints In his mind, and he is convinced He is not wrong, and that's not all His victory, I only stall Walls close in slowly, I recall As I proclaim my innocence He's got me pinned Pulling a massive overhaul He's one step ahead, after all My eyes are strained, My body tense Can not maintain my innocence Can't catch my breath, before I fall He's got me pinned Your Eyes

Eyes that pierce the heart A shot in the dark Fear of what you'll find A clouding of the mind

I try to resist it I try to act bold A gaze enlisted In magic of Old

Time bending, breaking A nightmarish hold My bones start aching But not from the cold

You layer your voice With a slight echoing The "Absence of Choice" Is the chant you sing

Time is standing still I am standing still

My Mind's Throne My Body's Soul Have lost control To a force unknown

The paralysis ends As hypnosis begins

To look in your eyes Is to never blink To look in your eyes Is to forever sink The night sky begins to fade Morning's light burns it away

The Knight bows to his lord The Knight draws his sword Every move he makes Every breath he takes he is honor-borne It's a warning The sword was pale The enchantment wails Nice and easy The sound pleasing

The Dragon lies awake Body coiled like a snake Every move he makes Every breath he takes Long and drawn and worn He is yawning Stretching his tail scratching his scales Nice and Easy The sound pleasing

The knight rides into the glade The winds cause the grass to sway

He leaves town, touching down At the base of the mount His heart racing His horse pacing

The Dragon spreads his wings Twice the width of his being Coming forth from his cave With the force of a wave Taking flight, lands near the knight Giving his steed an awful fright

Silence ringing Earthquake bringing The knight lifts his visor It was quite a sight forHe folded his wings With their spiked trimmings He had no fear or dread As he lowered his head Opened his mouth and said; Voice smooth and clear: "What brings you here?"

Taken aback by the dragon's tact Finding himself quick to react His fist clenched as he grit his teeth Removing sword from sheath

He dismounted his steed Spoke proudly of his creed "A servant of my lord-I will follow his word. In every deed, I act as his sword"

"Don't bury the lead, What of *this* deed?"

"What would a being so corrupt, Know what is of great import? You want this kept short? Then don't interrupt."

The smoke billowed from his nostrils As the knight still showed His tone was hostile

"Now what was I saying?" He began again "Something of *great import*?" The Dragon chimed in "There you go again, With another retort!"

The dragon held his tongue But his tail he swung And in his anger struck A tree, leaving the trunk

The knight's anger grew as the dragon slew A tree that surely could have bore fruit "You foolish beast! You harm the least From your high top You make all your feast!"

"What are you saying? I've done no such thing!"-

"What's wrong with a feast Of beasts and of trees If I stay high up In the mountain top And live in peace?"

"I was sent with the intent To do my lord's will To seek and to kill And I am Hell-bent"-

"I don't understand I've been on this land Since the days of yore And never before-Has any lord interfered"

"I volunteered."

The dragon raised his eyebrows The knight sneered The dragon let out a growl The horse reared

"How **Dare** you come to my throne! Touting *wisdom* you don't even know! For a lord you claim I am an offense As you fight battles without any sense Tell me, is your lord even *interested* In beings who know to keep their distance? Who mind their business in relative peace Or is it you with eyes for a feast?! While you **Raise** yourself above your place! Well now here we are human! Face To Face! Get your wits about you, ready your sword arm For **I SHOUT** with a might to disarm Any opponent whose intent is my harm!" "I assume you mean me?" The knight said with a grin "You assume correctly." The knight charges in

He slashes and swings On scales, his blade sings

The knight attacked with all his might The dragon admired his talons

"Your sword will not affect me." "Don't tell me you expect me-To come unprepared." "No sir, you misheard."

The knight thrust his sword into the ground From hard earth rang a *chinking* sound

He raised his hands And began to chant

The dragon inhaled air and exhaled fire Causing the noble steed to retire

The land sizzled and smoked But the knight was cloaked As the breeze soon revealed In a magical shield

"Did I not just destroy you with fire?!" "As you can see, that is not what transpired."

The Dragon's nostrils flared He hoisted himself into the air But the knight was prepared He summoned a staff with dramatic flair

The winds whipped up in turmoil to form The beginnings of a mystical storm As magic rained in the open field Thus the dragon's fate was sealed

As the knight thought And later would scribe The dragon was caught And taken alive