THE LITANY OF SATAN.
Translated from Baudelaire

O thou, of Angels fairest and most wise,
God by Fate's treachery shorn of liturgies!
O Satan, have pity of my long misery!

O Prince of Exile, Sufferer of wrong,
Whose vengeance, conquered, rises triply strong!
O Satan, have pity of my long misery!

Who knowest all, of under earth the king,
Familiar healer of man's suffering!
O Satan, have pity of my long misery!

Who to the leper, even the cursed pariah,
Hast taught by love the taste of heavenly fire!
O Satan, have pity of my long misery!

Thou who on Death, thine old and strong leman,
Begottest Hope -- a charming madwoman!
O Satan, have pity of my long misery!

Who knowest in which caves of envious lands
God has hid precious stones with jealous hands!
   O Satan, have pity of my long misery!

Thou whose clear eye discerns the arsenals deep,
   Where the small folk of buried metals sleep!
   O Satan, have pity of my long misery!

Whose broad hand hides the giddy precipice
   From sleepers straying about some edifice!
   O Satan, have pity of my long misery!

Whose skill makes supple the old bones, at needs,
   Of the belated sot, 'mid surging steeds!
   O Satan, have pity of my long misery!

Who taught frail man, to make his suffering lighter,
   Consoling, to mix sulphur with salt nitre!
   O Satan, have pity of my long misery!

   O subtle complice, who as blatant Beast
   Brandest vile Croesus, him that pities least!
   O Satan, have pity of my long misery!

   Who in girls' eyes and hearts implantest deep
Lust for the wound, the twain that wound bids weep!

    O Satan, have pity of my long misery!

Staff of the exiled, the inventor's spark,
Confessor of hanged men and plotters dark!

    O Satan, have pity of my long misery!

Adopted sire of whom black wrath and power
Of God the Father chased from Eden Bower!

    O Satan, have pity of my long misery!
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Aleister Crowleys excerpts from book Magick In Theory And Practice.

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The Collected Works basically gathered together most of Crowleys work that had been published to date. This was largely poetry and plays although it did include Berashith a magical essay first published in 1903 and a number of previously unpublished or especially revised pieces including a lengthy epilogue and dedication entitled Eleusis. For obvious reasons it omitted altogether Crowleys obscene works White Stains Snowdrops...

Aleister Crowley : "Ritual Viii"
The light is come to the darkness and the darkness is made light. Then is light married with light and the child oftheir love is that other darkness wherein they abide that have lost name and form. Therefore did I kindle him that had notunderstanding and in the Book of the Law did I write the secrets of truth that are like unto a star and a snake and a sword.

Aleister Crowley : "White Stains"
White Stains is a poetic work written by English author and occultist Aleister Crowley under the pseudonym George Archibald Bishop. It was published in 1898 in Amsterdam The Netherlands.White Stains contains various poems in both English and French which can also be regarded as individual works. The major part of these poems show an obviously sexual content. Crowley claimed that he had written White Stains for the purpose of...