HEARING SUFFERING AND FAITH IN LINGUA IGNOTA'S "SINNER GET READY" (2021)

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LINGUA IGNOTA

SINNER GET READY

THIS PRESENTATION INCLUDES DISCUSSIONS OF ABUSE, INCLUDING INTIMATE PARTNER ABUSE, PHYSICAL ABUSE, SEXUAL ABUSE, SPIRITUAL ABUSE, AND RELIGIOUS TRAUMA.

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I WHO BEND THE TALL GRASSES

[EXCERPTED LYRICS]

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WHERE DOES YOUR LIGHT NOT SHINE

I HAVE NEVER LOVED HIM MORE THAN I DO NOW BUT I CAN'T DO IT AGAIN I HAVE TO BE THE ONLY ONE

"SINNER YOU'D BETTER GET READY, HALLELUJAH"

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LOUVIN BROTHERS' VERSION:

LINGUA IGNOTA (OPENING TO "MANY HANDS")

MANY HANDS

[EXCERPTED LYRICS]



UPON YOUR PALE PALE BODY I WILL PUT MANY HANDS (SINNER YOU BETTER GET READY) AND ROUGH ROUGH FINGERS FOR EVERY HOLE YOU HAVE (SINNER YOU BETTER GET READY HALLELUJAH!)

THE LORD SPAT AND HELD ME BY MY NECK I WOULD DIE FOR YOU I WOULD DIE FOR YOU HE WEPT THE LORD HELD ME BY MY NECK I WISH THINGS COULD BE DIFFERENT HE WEPT

PENNSYLVANIA FURNACE

OPENING LINES (ALLUSION TO LEGEND OF THE COLEBROOK FURNACE):

ME AND THE DOG WE DIE TOGETHER WITHIN THE LORD I CAST OFF ALL MY EARTHLY BONDS THERE IS VICTORY IN JESUS

THE LEGEND OF THE HOUNDS (GEORGE H. BOKER, 1869)

Rose in her eyes; her talking tail Quivered with joy; a low, soft wail Broke from her, as the iron hand

Of the stout Squire from off her stand Swung her; and striding towards the ledge With his pleased burden, on the edge Of awful death—oh, foul disgrace !— She turned and licked his purple face. Sheer out he flung her. As she fell, Up from that palpitating hell Came three shrill cries, and then a roll

Of thunder. Every pallid soul Shrank from the pit; and ghastly white, As was the snow one winter night, The Squire reeled backward. Long he gazed From face to face; then asked, amazed, "Was it a fancy? If you heard, Answer! What was it?—that last word

PENNSYLVANIA FURNACE

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I FEAR YOUR VOICE
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ABOVE ALL OTHERS
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ABOVE ALL OTHERS



THE SOLITARY BRETHREN OF EPHRATA

(EXCERPTED LYRICS)

PARADISE WILL BE MINE

NO LONGER SHALL I WANDER UGLINESS MY HOME LONELINESS MY MASTER I BOW TO HIM ALONE



THANK YOU

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