

THE DOOM OF LUST.

Thus will I cause lewdness to cease out of the land.
Ezekiel 23:48.

O God of love, they murder love,
Who break thy chaste command.
But thou hast promised to destroy
All lewdness from the land.

'The blind because their fathers sinned,
Upraise their sightless eyes.
The crippled, dwarfed, and imbecile
Join with the maniac's cries.

The wives ashamed, whose husbands vowed
To cherish, love, and keep—
Heart-broken, mutilated, killed,
Before thy throne they weep.

Officials, landlords, agents stretch
For filthy gain their hands.
The slaughter house for girls and boys
Pollutes the fairest lands.

O God of love, they murder love,
Who break thy chaste command.
Make haste, Redeemer, to destroy
All lewdness from the land.

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