My Body, a Funeral
Dark Leisure Activity and Death Reflections in Death/Doom and Gothic/Doom Metal Music

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Black Sabbath

*Black Sabbath* (1970)

‘Black Sabbath’
Death is present the candle has burned out,
The scythe is raised he's eager to reap.
The extreme unction prepares for the last flight,
But God knows where you will rest.
Dark are the veils of death.

To sail the seas of eternal damnation,
To cross the desert of woe and despair,
Or drink the chalice of divine ambrosia,
Your life will be put to the test.
Dark are the veils of death.
Time stands still as you pass away,
No more tomorrow this is your last day,
On this fucking earth.

Bodies fall onto the ground,
Blood flies through the air,
Shredded victims lie in pain,
Death is never fair.
My Dying Bride

*Turn Loose the Swans* (1993)
‘Turn Loose the Swans’

Draconian

*Arcane Rain Fell* (2005)
‘Death, Come Near Me’
Anathema
*Serenades* (1993)
‘Under a Veil (of Black Lace)’

With loving passion, oh your radiance,
A serenade I cry.
Your silk lined coffin the lachrymatory,
To hold a mourner's tears,

Ethereal splendor,
Pale skin and down cast eyes,
Scent of paradise,
Like her, forever remains unknown.

Through tear stained eyes,
My view is growing weaker.
Please help my grief be vanquished.
Thy bed of roses, funereal drapery,
Impale my on your thorns.

My Dying Bride
*Feel the Misery* (2015)
‘And My Father Left Forever’

With a dying fall his voice left him.
It shouldn’t be this way …
When I wake up I want to see you.
Bring me the life that is within you.
I charge myself off your body,
But in my arms, the darkness deepens …
And my father left forever.
It shouldn’t be this way.
I sang long psalms of bitter verse,
but God had turned away.
Men are free at the blood of Christ.
I wish it was this way.
Breathing is faster and breathing is deeper,
And falling no longer bothers me.

My Dying Bride
*Turn Loose the Swans* (1993)
‘Turn Loose the Swans’

Adieu d'amour.
Vast is the heir's ballroom.
Let the rich give you presents.
Heaven pours from her throat,
As she sings and as she dances …

You are sweet and fine to listen to.
Long tresses about her neck.
Yet much is false.
This mighty evening I've seen no face.
This is crushing me.
My quill it aches.

Turn loose the swans that drew my poets craft.
I'll dwell in desolate cities.
You burned my wings.
Anathema

Serenades (1993)

‘At One with the Earth’

The earth issues its extreme unction,
As I realize my punishment for sin.
Engulfed by death for all eternity,
In my bones I no longer feel the cold,
As the mire embosoms its secrets to me.

Ubiquitous fetidness, death is everywhere,
My God, unshackle me.

My suffering grows with the increase of my guilt.
Destroy devotion. Be at one with the earth.
I sink down into the clammy soil,
At one with the earth.
Draconian
*Arcane Rain Fell* (2005)
‘Death, Come Near Me’

Embrace me now, delightful ease!
Give me a world of wondrous peace!

Calm the desperate scream in my heart!

O Death, come near me,
save me...
from this empty, cold world!
O Life, you have killed me,
so spare me, from, this cauldron, of misery!

In life, I cry, away, I fly.
Chosen, to fall, within, these walls.
The rapture of grief is all, to find...
'If I listen to doom, It could be after thinking about a friend who's died.'

'There have been times in my life where I have felt the savage loss of someone I love. We all have. There are times when the music of, say, My Dying Bride feels incredible personal.'

'I have gone through a lot those last 4 years, including the loss of my parents one after another, the loss of what I thought was love, looking to the future without any perspectives, building it all up again to see it go down once more, followed by solitude. I guess I can relate to most of the topics processed in doom metal very well.'
‘When I feel desolate or disappointed about how I handle myself or where my life is, when I feel deep discomfort, I turn, for example, to *Turn Loose the Swans*. It gives me an intimate feeling, a sense of meditation on how things can go bad.’
‘Mostly their music helps to transform everything that is fucked up in this world into some form of art and then find a safe distance to suffering enchanted in sound and lyrics.’
'Music needs to make you sit up and pay attention.'
Aaron Stainthorpe, My Dying Bride

‘I’m not the type that tends to act as if bad things don’t exist. I feel that a lot of people don’t want to understand this kind of music because it confronts them with things in their life that they don’t want to face and ignore by acting like it doesn’t exist, while for me it seems better to accept things as they are and draw strength out the fact that there are people with similar experiences that translate those experiences into music.’
‘As long as the world remains unfair, mean and crappy, doom metal will be there to save you.’
The fairest flowers fade.
Stolen away by shade.
Feel the misery.

Love is full of fear.
Loved ones soon disappear.
Feel the misery.
Thank you!