

Epsom Reclaimed

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Ouija Board

Dim the lights, set the scene, call the spirits home
Dunlop's brought the filly forth, the one that runs alone
Tighten belts, letters spell names of heroes past
Demons of the track are here, punters eyes aghast

Fingers on the glass are firm, set for shock 'n' awe
Keiron's pressed the button now, what's she got in store
I'll tell you what she's got said one, of what she's got in store
Just wait and see, just stick around, behold the ghosts of yore

You'll see the power of Shergar when he bolted down the hill
You'll see Nijinsky's footwork as he steadied for the kill
You'll hear The Minstrel's war cry when the battle reared it's head
A Sea Bird's flash of brilliance when he left his field for dead

And if like you, her jockey looks to her and asks for more
You'll see Secreto dash the hopes of swift El Gran Senor
So how is it that centuries on, the famous Black and White
Have found a horse that once again returns them to the site

Where famed 12th Earl of Derby gave renown to Epsom Downs
And set the scene for noble beasts to run for Racing crowns
The 19th Earl, Lord Edward, did your ancestors conspire
To return you to this hallowed ground, re-spark the family fire

Did you sit around a table, did you slowly dim the lights
Did the blood of those who'd gone before demand you stand and fight
And in honour of this setting, where the spectral crowds still roared
Was it then you had to leave a clue and name her Ouija Board

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She's opened up the gunnels, she's dealt a crushing blow
She's left them toiling in her wake, she's brushed aside the foe
She's given back to England, She's brought us home the Oaks
She's broken up a stranglehold and given people hope

That at this place a top o' hill, it's not part of a hoard
For gents from Ireland and Dubai, bring on the Ouija Board
And if one day in future years, as darkness claims the sun
You stand alone on Epsom Downs and dream of victories won
You might just hear her challenging for one last great success
Battling bravely for the line with Meld and Sun Princess



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