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006 ROBERT
(quietly)
Where am I? This isn't the Tower.

007 TOPCLIFFE
(smirking)
No, it is my home.

008 ROBERT
Your home?

009 TOPCLIFFE
The Queen has not yet ordered your death. But then again... She also does not know you're here. Yet.

010 ROBERT
Then by your own words, you commit treason.

TOPCLIFFE LAUGHS DARKLY.

011 TOPCLIFFE
I answer to the Queen's will. And when the Queen's will is slow, I speed it along. You have no power here... Boy Priest.

TOPCLIFFE PUSHES ROBERT TO THE FLOOR. HE GRUNTS.

012 TOPCLIFFE (CONT'D)
Come, let me show you something special. Something I cannot use even in the Tower. Yet.

ROBERT IS DRAGGED. FEET SCUFFLE. A MECHANICAL CLINK AS IRON BARS SWING OPEN.

013 ROBERT
What is this?

IRON CLINKS. ROBERT GRUNTS WITH EFFORT.

014 ROBERT (CONT'D)
Am I meant to just hang here by my arms?

015 TOPCLIFFE
I call it the Manacles. With time, you'll come to understand the elegance of it. A few hours suspended... And even the proudest tongue begins to wag.

CHAINS TIGHTEN. A LOW CREAK AS ROBERT IS LIFTED.
HE EXHALES SHARPLY IN PAIN.

016 TOPCLIFFE (CONT'D)

Tell me the names. The ones who hid
you. The ones who shield your
fellow traitors. Give me something
to give to My Queen, and this can
end.

017 ROBERT

(pained)

I will tell you nothing. Not today.
Not tomorrow. Not ever.

018 TOPCLIFFE

You think pain is your path to
glory. Let's see how far that
delusion takes you.

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TOPCLIFFE STEPS BACK. CHAIN CREAKS AS ROBERT
SWINGS SLIGHTLY. HIS BREATH DEEPENS WITH PAIN.

019 ROBERT

It is a noble thing, beyond all
doubt, to suffer toil and torment
for the love of God.

INTENSE MUSIC SWELLS.

6 I/E. ENGLAND - VARIOUS

MUSIC TRANSITIONS INTO SOMETHING MORE HOPEFUL
AND CONNECTED. DISTANT BELLS TOLL. VOICES
OVERLAP ONE ANOTHER IN PRAYER.

020 VOICE 2

Lord God, protect Robert Southwell.

021 VOICE 1

Though I do not know him... I know
that his heart is good.

022 VOICE 3

Domine, virutem da servo tuo...

023 VOICE 4

Please don't let them hurt him.

024 VOICE 2

Strength, Lord. Give him strength.
Protect his soul.