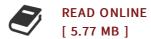# Rat Salad: "Black Sabbath" - The Classic Years 1969-1975

By Paul Wilkinson

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