

## Thalarion

### "Said The Dreamer"

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Said the dreamer

My dreams were nests or horror,  
Whimsey-wrought  
With orts and shreds  
From old abysses brought  
Where eyries built by condor-winged awe  
Enskied on somber pinnacles of thought

Fantastical, I saw the visions shift  
Like bubbles that a titan's breath might lift  
Drowning in seas more deep than his despair  
Iron-colored, soon to shatter or to drift.

Or like illuminated crystals  
Fallen from hands  
Of gods, that cloud interiorly with lands  
Of wider spheres exalted past the sun  
Or burst while thought  
In idle question stands

Said the dreamer

Conscious of gulfs in which I dared not gaze  
I passed on faltering and imperilled ways  
Through lands where hoary mountains  
Danced and roared  
To baleful pygmeis piping hellish lays

The flames that wait  
Against the end of things  
Where light and limit to my wanderings  
Through deserts bleaching  
Like the bones of death  
Aback I fled, and faltered on spent wings

In night cimmerian, thronged with sorceries  
Where lightnings flamed  
On empty sands and seas  
Or feared the leopard crouch of pallid shapes  
In saracenic arches of black trees.

Then in the dream I dreamt that time was done  
Light still endured,  
Whose touch I might not shun  
Though at my back I heard the lips of night  
Puff out the flaring flambeau of the sun

Said the dreamer

I leaned from some black precipice,  
To see the pits beneath,  
One came, not far from me  
To hurled therein the sockets of the stars  
And shells of worlds that rattled empty.

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