

Sopor Aeternus "Die Bruderschaft Des Schmerzes"

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By a route obscure and lonely, haunted by ill angels
only,
where an Eidolon named "Night", on a black throne
reigns upright,
I have reached these lands but newly, from an ultimate
dim Thule.
from a wild weird clime that lieth, sublime, out of
space, out of time.
Bottomless wales and boundless floods, and chasms
and caves, and titan woods, with forms that no
man can discover for the tears that drip all over,
Mountains toppling evermore into seas without a shore
seas that restlessly aspire, surging into skies of fire.
Lakes that endlessly outspread their lone waters, lone
and dead.
Their still waters, still and chilly with the snows of the
lolling lilly.

By the lakes that thus outspread their lone water, lone
and dead.
Their sad waters, sad and chilly with the snows of the
lolling lilly, by the mountains, near the river
murmuring slowly, murmuring ever - by the grey
woods,
by the swamp where the toad and the newt encamp,
by the dismal tarns and pools where dwell
the Ghouls, by each spot that most unholy,
in each nook most melancholy, there the traveller
meets,
aghast, sheeted memories of the past,
shrouded forms that start and sigh as they pass
the wanderer by, white-robed forms of friends
long given, in agony, to Earth and Heaven.
For the heart whose woes are legion this is peaceful,
soothing region, for the spirit that walks
in shadows this is, oh, this is Eldorado!
Bid the traveller, travelling through it,
may not dare not opening view it
never its mysteries are exposed to the weak human
eye unclosed,
so will its King who hath forbid the uplifting
of the frigid lid, and thus the sad soul

that here passes beholds it but through darkened
glasses.
By a route obscure and lonely, haunted by
ill angels only, where an Eidolon, named
"Night", on a black throne reigns upright,
I have wandered home but newly from an ultimate dim
Thule.
Dreamland...

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