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Death of the Artist

By FELIX KOWALEWSKI

Ah, long the years my soul was bound to Art—
 Lean, hungry days—and paintings none would buy.
 Now creditors pound at my door and cry,
 And dull despair weighs down my faltering heart.
 Enough! The poison gas floats through the room . . .
 And now my soul is free! But what is this?
 I see a multitude that bends to kiss
 The carved *Hic Jacet* of a marble tomb.
 Ah, who is this, to whom the heedless throng
 Such homage pays, what prince of world-wide fame?
 O, my dark soul, read me his wondrous name!
 O Muse of Art, what bitter irony!
 Alive they hound, but dead they worship me!
 'Tis my poor name floats up in cadenced song!