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Dream Sepulture

By C. A. BUTZ

I dreamed a dream (oh, eldritch night of doom!)
 I seemed to lie alone among the dead.
 I retched and smothered, moaned upon my bed—
 And lo! the bed had changed, become a tomb!
 With quaking heart I stared in Stygian gloom:
 My hands were crossed! With quickly growing dread
 I flung them upward, knew all hope had fled:
 There came a muted sound, a sickening *boom*.

My knotted fists drummed on a coffin-lid!
 Oh, outraged life! Stark struggle, then despair!
 A palsied horror shrieked that all was vain.
 Soft, silken sides pressed in, fresh darkness slid
 O'er bursting lungs. I fought, and then . . . no pain.
 —Thus did I dream, to wake in dawn's red glare!