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# Ghost of the Lava

By KATHARINE BUOY

Where burnt-out lava forms a deep crevasse  
 Comes echoing an eery, wailing moan  
 From blackened crypts of scoriaceous stone.  
 A keening wind sweeps down the mountain pass,  
 Up-flinging powdered ashes from a mass  
 Of gruesome, pulverized and calcined bone—  
 Bleached human fragments—in the cinders strown  
 'Midst lava shards like inky isinglass.

A restless ghost patrols the haunted ground  
 Of scabrous heaps of adamantine flint  
 Where ruthless Death stalks like a hungry hound  
 Whose prowling feet leave never trace, or print—  
 Naught, save a sinister, despairing sound  
 That permeates this land's weird monotint.