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Incantation

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LORD of the unseen,
 Of ghosts that howl through musty corners of the mind
 And stir the hideous sightless fears that grope to find
 A strangling clutch on this poor terror-palsied hand,
 Oh keep them blind.

Lord of the unspoken,
 Of viper words that suck the poisoned wounds of red
 And festered old betrayals; e'er my lips have fed
 Their venom to a heart as yet unstabbed, unbled,
 Oh strike them dead.

