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MY TIMID SOUL

## My Timid Soul

By PAGE COOPER

DEMONS sit on the rim of day

Honing their claws for my timid soul,

Wetting their lips in their lust to flay,

Their black lips flecked with a bitter whey,

As they gurgle a grim and raucous lay.

Quaking, my pallid soul looks out.

Safe in my heart—the puny mole!

Rattling his wings he squeaks a shout.

On frightened pinions he dares to flout
The slavering demons roundabout.

