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# Necromancy

By CLARK ASHTON SMITH

**M**Y HEART is made a necromancer's glass,  
 Where homeless forms and exile phantoms teem,  
 Where faces of forgotten sorrows gleam,  
 And dead despairs archaic peer and pass:  
 Grey longings of some weary heart that was  
 Possess me, and the multiple, supreme,  
 Unwildered hope and star-emblazoned dream  
 Of questing armies. Ancient queen and lass,  
 Risen vampire-like from out the wormy mould,  
 Deep in the magic mirror of my heart  
 Behold their perished beauty, and depart.  
 And now, from black aphelions far and cold,  
 Swimming in deathly light on charnel skies,  
 The enormous ghosts of bygone worlds arise.

