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Nocturne

By HERBERT KAUFMAN, JR.

Cold, dead clouds in a sodden sky;
Dripping winds, and the voiceless cry
Of things long dead. From the swirling void
Of thoughts, fiend-spawned and self-destroyed,
Black night sables an empty world,
And the moon is dead, and the stars are furled,
The sullen waters heave and swell,
And a sick sea flames with the fires of hell.
The venomous shafts of the driving rain
Strike home, and the heart dissolves in pain:
For the soul of man is pallid and stark,
And ghosts walk abroad in the bellowing dark.
The churning wheels of the spirit mesh,
And the soul grows sick at the touch of the flesh,
And agony shrivels the searing brain
At the ceaseless, battering drum of the rain.