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On Hangman's Hill

By ROBERT AVRETT

On Hangman's Hill, at least so old men say,
The passers-by in broad daylight can hear
The creak of chains upon a windy day,
And moaning sounds as though of those in fear.

And folks will tell you that a man one night,
A stranger who was simply passing by,
Saw outlined clear against the moonlit sky
A scene that drove him into maddened flight.

For on that barren hill the gallows tree
Groaned with the weight of three stark forms that swung
Above a crowd that danced in revelry,
To wailing chants unknown to mortal tongue.

On Hangman's Hill no green grass ever grows,
Nor are there birds except for flocks of crows.