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# *The* Canal

By H. P. LOVECRAFT

Somewhere in dream there is an evil place  
Where tall deserted buildings crowd along  
A deep, black, narrow channel, reeking strong  
Of frightful things, whence oily currents race.  
Lanes with old walls half meeting overhead  
Wind off to streets one may or may not know,  
And feeble moonlight sheds a spectral glow  
Over long rows of windows, dark and dead.

There are no footfalls, and the one soft sound  
Is of the oily water as it glides  
Under stone bridges, and along the sides  
Of its deep flume, to some vague ocean bound.  
None lives to tell when that stream washed away  
Its dream-lost region from the world of day.