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The Creaking House

By CLARENCE EDWIN FLYNN

Sometimes, most often late at night,
When there is not a hint of light,
I hear the boards creak here and there,
In hall or attic, wall or stair;
And even in my room I hear
These noises at my very ear.
They say it is the timbers old
Settling, or shrinking from the cold,

I don't agree. I think instead
It is the footsteps of the dead,
Coming to throng the stair and floor,
And re-enact old scenes once more,
I think they come when all is still
To roam the dear old place at will,
Then slip reluctantly away
As comes the breaking of the day,