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The Devil's Swamp

By ROBERT AVRETT

The fetid swamp lies desolate by day,
As ghostly silent as an ancient tomb;
The moss-enshrouded trees exhale decay,
And sunlight rarely penetrates the gloom.

But after nightfall, then the swamp awakes
And stretches like a vampire roused from sleep,
While from their lairs within the tangled brakes
Emerge dim shapes that fly, or run, or creep.

The sound of wild, unearthly laughter rings
Out loud beside the pestilent lagoon,
Where witches sport with slimy, crawling things;
And distant werewolves bay beneath the moon.