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I do not know if it ever existed--  
That lost world floating dimly on Time's stream--  
And yet I see it often, violet-misted,  
And shimmering at the back of some vague dream.  
There were strange towers and curious lapping rivers,  
Labyrinths of wonder, and low vaults of light,  
And bough-crossed skies of flame, like that which quivers  
Wistfully, just before a winter's night.

Great moors led off to sedgy shores unpeopled,  
Where vast birds wheeled, while on a windswept hill  
There was a village, ancient and white-steeped,  
With evening chimes for which I listen still.  
I do not know what land it is--or dare  
Ask when or why I was, or will be, there.

.....H.P. Lovecraft\*

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## THE DISILLUSIONMENT

What fear has death,  
When the Sons of Man are Craven?

Why should the Chalice be bitter  
If the Mass is not said?

How shall the priests commit Sacrilege  
If none is faithful?

I ask,

Why plight a troth  
When the Bible is a book of rhymes?

Is the Murder of Satan  
A Sin?

...C. Jon DeClos