

Weird Tales



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Ghostlings

By DOROTHY QUICK

OUT of the silence of the night
 Come icy fingers tipped with snow,
 And a strange thin piping
 That no birds know.

And there are misty figures
 Ringing all the world apart;
 Casting unbearable terror
 Around the heart.

Gaping, senseless, horrid faces
 Coming from another world;
 These are the nameless ghostlings,
 The dark unfurled.

These are the nameless ghostlings,
 Creeping slowly as the mist,
 To weave the spells of horror
 No mortal can resist.

