

## THE MURDERER

Night is the time to drink the wine  
 Of sleep—it conscience frees;  
 But a guilty soul must quaff the bowl  
 That's full of bitter lees.  
 It's brewed in hell where devils dwell  
 —I drink its loathsome rue—  
 Then every hour my senses cower  
 And writhe the whole night through.

My murd'rous hands are once more  
 spanned  
 Around my victim's throat;  
 His cries I hear of mortal fear  
 While round me devils gloat;  
 Upon my breast with leering jest  
 REMORSE lays heavily—  
 And all too late I see the gate  
 Of hell awaiting me.

To God I pray to bring the day—  
 While Furies 'round me scream—  
 Pray for an hour from their power  
 In sleep—that has no dream.  
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While we're at it, we shall do a thorough job by offering you another. This second poem comes from Edna Bell Seward of Highland Park, Ill. Miss Seward submits

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