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The
Warrior

To Robert E. Howard

By EMIL PETAJA

From ancient dark Cimmeria he came,
With sword uplifted, on that bloody day,
To join the falling forces in affray,
And all triumphant spurn eternal fame.
Men trembled at the mention of his name,
And humbly stepped aside to clear a way;
"You are our King," they said. He answered, "Nay,"
And left them wondering what could be his aim.

I saw him then, and still I see him now,
Cryptic and silent, on a lone hill's brow,
Watching with brooding eyes the scene below
Where flame the earth and sky in scarlet hands
He grasps his curious staff in mighty hands
And strides into the dusk, toward other lands. . . .