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There Is a Might

By ELMA DEAN

There is a kind of melancholy might
That shapes my days
With dark precision—shadows all the pleasant ways
Of flesh impermanent as candle-light. . . .
I have no freedom from this shade
I cannot rightly name—or fear to name! I've made
Vain-glorious talk and pompous rime
Against a certain time . . .
And I have laid
High plans while far discordant laughter blared
Like trumpets rather felt than heard. I've dared
The thing to strike! But I'm afraid. . . .