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**WEIRD TALES ISSUED 1st OF EACH MONTH**

# To Clark Ashton Smith

By H. P. LOVECRAFT

A time-black tower against dim banks of cloud;  
    Around its base the pathless, pressing wood.  
Shadow and silence, moss and mold, enshroud  
    Gray, age-felled slabs that once as cromlechs stood.  
No fall of foot, no song of bird awakes  
    The lethal aisles of sempiternal night,  
Though oft with stir of wings the dense air shakes,  
    As in the tower there glows a pallid light.

For here, apart, dwells one whose hands have wrought  
    Strange eidola that chill the world with fear;  
Whose graven runes in tones of dread have taught  
    What things beyond the star-gulfs lurk and leer.  
Dark Lord of Averroigne—whose windows stare  
On pits of dream no other gaze could bear!