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*TWO HORSEMEN*

by VINCENT STARRETT

Life came riding up the vale  
On a yellow steed,  
Helmet off; his coat of mail  
Shining like a polished pail—  
Thus it was decreed.  
“Here’s a penny for you, lad:  
We are brothers. Are you glad?”  
This was life, indeed!

Death came riding up the lane  
On a sable steed,  
Visor down; his coat of chain  
Black as was his horse’s mane—  
Thus it was decreed.  
“Here’s your penny, Sir Disguise:  
You can not conceal your eyes!”  
This was Death, indeed—  
This was life, indeed!