

## Green And Grey

Damh the Bard

Early one morning, around the first of May,  
A man in black came walking, into a woodland glade,  
Following the sounds of pipes on this beautiful Spring day,  
High on the music that they made.  
But what beheld him within that place?  
A look of recognition fell across his face,  
"Lucifer, oh Lucifer, why do you appear to me?  
For I am a man of God, a priest.

I'm no devil I'm Father to the land,  
I have lived here since the Earth began,  
Neither black nor white,  
Priest hear what I say,  
I'm green and grey.

The priest said, "Lucifer, Lucifer you lie so well,  
I will pray unto my God, go back to the fires of Hell!  
You fell from Heaven, and you fell from Grace.  
You want dominion over this place."  
The Piper smiled, and to the priest he said,  
"I was Lord of Animals, the Wild Hunt I led,  
Until your God came here and with his jealous hand,  
It was he who wanted dominion over this land.

The priest said, "All evil comes from your hand."  
The Piper said, "If evil is, it lies in the hearts of Man."  
"But you lead us, oh you tempt us, to rape, to steal, to kill!"  
The Piper said, "Whatever happened to free will?"  
Then the Grove lay empty, the priest told no one.  
The blossom lay upon the thorn, the Piper's tune was done.  
And in the sunlit forest, the animals they bowed,  
As the Piper lay his Goddess down.