## Last Wish

Deep in my soul a tender secret dwells Lonely and lost to sight for evermore Save when to you my heart responsive swells Then trembles into silence as before There in its center a sepulcharal lamp Burns the slow flame eternal but unseen Which not the darkness of despair can damp Though vain its ray as it had ever been In some hidden crevice, of this grim cadaver

Comes from the deep a cry for fates graceful Favour The only thought that my heart, dare not brave Is my last love, cannot grant my last wish My fondest, faintest memories hear Grief for the dead, no virtue can reprove Then give me all I ever asked, a tear The first, last sole reward of so much love

## **Solstice**