

## Die Bruderschaft Des Schmerzes

Sopor Aeternus

By a route obscure and lonely, haunted by ill angels only,  
where an Eidolon named "Night", on a black throne reigns upright,  
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I have reached these lands but newly, from an ultimate dim Thule.  
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from a wild weird clime that lieth, sublime, out of space, out  
of time.

Bottomless wales and boundless floods, and chasms  
and caves, and titan woods, with forms that no  
man can discover for the tears that drip all over,  
Mountains toppling evermore into seas without a shore  
seas that restlessly aspire, surging into skies of fire.  
Lakes that endlessly outspread their lone waters, lone and dead  
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Their still waters, still and chilly with the snows of the lolling lilly.

By the lakes that thus outspread their lone water, lone and dead.

Their sad waters, sad and chilly with the snows of the  
lolling lilly, by the mountains, near the river  
murmuring slowly, murmuring ever - by the grey woods,  
by the swamp where the toad and the newt encamp,  
by the dismal tarns and pools where dwell  
the Ghouls, by each spot that most unholy,  
in each nook most melancholy, there the traveller meets,  
aghast, sheeted memories of the past,  
shrouded forms that start and sigh as they pass  
the wanderer by, white-robed forms of friends  
long given, in agony, to Earth and Heaven.  
For the heart whose woes are legion this is peaceful,  
soothing region, for the spirit that walks  
in shadows this is, oh, this is Eldorado!  
Bid the traveller, travelling through it,  
may not dare not opening view it  
never its mysteries are exposed to the weak human eye unclosed,  
so will its King who hath forbid the uplifting  
of the frigid lid, and thus the sad soul  
that here passes beholds it but through darkened glasses.  
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ill angels only, where an Eidolon, named  
"Night", on a black throne reigns upright,  
I have wandered home but newly from an ultimate dim Thule.  
Dreamland...