The Handsome Family

Whitehaven

What a hideous forest Surrounded Whitehaven Twisted black mountains Wolves howled in madness Never I ventured Beyond the stone towers As dusk spread her black wings At the edge of the dark wild wood

But one windy evening Gathering timbers Under white elm trees And shadows, I saw her The darkest of beauties With her basket of cherries The wind at her black skirts Like the haze of the wild dark wood

She turned in her terror A madness possessed her In shadows, she clawed me We screamed in the brambles Hunters came running With torches and axes Treetop to treetop Flames tore through the dark wild wood

Back down, they dragged us Passed the stone towers The church bells were ringing The sky screamed in flashes But we stood in the churchyard Laughing like jackals As the stone towers tumbled And bowed to the wild dark wood