

A Dream

A night or two ago I fell to bed quite peacefully for the evening had passed quietly and a chill was in the air. A cold breeze passed through the slightly open window and brushed lightly through my hair. And although, like Poe, t'was in the bleak November, some early snow in wafted, gently settling upon my bookside chair. Thus, but for a whispered, muttered, brookside gurgling through the parted panes near all was silent; all was silence as I drifted towards the mortal snare. At once I passed through the unrecalled boundary and slowly through remittent waking I at last entered Morpheus' sweet unsightly lair.

When I at last appeared upon the dream's sightless shore — and shore it was, a beach not yet visited before — it was still snowing, soft and heavy in the sky. The surf it battered bleakly, and the snow it sifted softly, and the wind it pushed politely, but this the silence did belie. And while my soul stood dreaming, all obsessed with seeming, my body lay a-sleeping in the softest bed on high. A single, silken, snowflake, drifting farther than its brethren, settled slightly upon my temple and chilled me, thrilled me not to wake but yet to sigh. In my dream, I looked to heaven and, to my awe, was blinded for the sky was filled by stars undead in a sheet that never ended (at least no end I could descry). There was not one point of darkness in my sight and be it day or be it night there was no blessed ceasing of the light for the heavens ever-old and ever-wide would take no pity on the mortal eye. And I ask the gods above, aloud "If the cold and dark are gone for all why, why does the snow yet fall? Since the heat and light so call, why does the snow not die?"

Then, upon awaking, a new perspective gained, my reverie there breaking I pondered my strange quiescent dream. Although the world may be forever old, or even just now made bold and fully formed the earth does not cease to seem. Whether the blinding light is seen or the unsightly dark or something in between, the snow still reigns supreme.