Annabel Lee

The Persevering Promise

It was many and many a year ago
In a kingdom by the sea
That a maiden there lived whom you may know
By the name of Annabel Lee
And this maiden she lived with no other thought
Than to love and be loved by me
I was a child and she was a child
In this kingdom by the sea
But we loved with a love that was more than love
I and my Annabel Lee
With a love that the winged seraphs of Heaven
Coveted her and me
And this was the reason that long ago
In this kingdom by the sea
A wind blew out of a cloud chilling
My beautiful Annabel Lee
So that her high-born kinsmen came
And bore her away from me
To shut her up in a sepulcher
In this kingdom by the sea
The angels not half so happy in heaven
Went envying her and me
Yes, that was the reason as all men know
In this kingdom by the sea
That the wind came out of the cloud by night
Chilling and killing my beautiful Annabel Lee
But our love it was stronger by far than the love
Of those who were older than we
Of many who were wiser than we
And neither the angels in heaven above
Nor the demons down under the sea
Can ever dissever my soul
From the soul of the beautiful Annabel Lee
For the moon never beams without bringing me
Dreams of the beautiful Annabel Lee
And the stars never rise but I feel the bright eyes
Of the beautiful Annabel Lee
And so all the night-tide
I lie down by the side of my darling

My darling, my life and my bride
In the sepulcher there by the sea, in her tomb
By the sounding sea
(Annabel Lee)

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