## **Alone**

## **Green Carnation**

From childhood's hours I have not been As others were --- I have not seen As others saw --- I could not bring My passion from a common spring From the Same source I have not taken My sorrows; I could not awaken My heart to joy at the same tone; And all I loved, I loved alone. Then --- In my childhood --- In the dawn Of a most stormy life --- was dawn From every depth of good and ill The mystery which binds me still: From the torrent or the fountain, From the red cliff of the mountain, From the sun that 'round me rolled In its autumn tint of gold---From the lightening in the sky As it passed me flaying by---From the thunder and the storm. And the clouds that took form When the rest of Heaven was blue Of a demon in my view

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