

1827

A DREAM

Edgar Allan Poe

Poe, Edgar Allan (1809-49) - American poet, short-story writer, and critic who is best known for his tales of ratiocination, his fantastical horror stories, and his genre-founding detective stories. Poe, whose cloudy personal life is a virtual legend, considered himself primarily a poet. A Dream (1827) - One of Poe's poems. Opening lines: In visions of the dark night / I have dreamed of joy departed..

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In visions of the dark night I have dreamed of joy departed
But a waking dream of life and light Hath left me broken-hearted.

Ah! what is not a dream by day To him whose eyes are cast
On things around him with a ray Turned back upon the past?

That holy dream- that holy dream, While all the world were chiding,
Hath cheered me as a lovely beam A lonely spirit guiding.

What though that light, thro' storm and night, So trembled from afar
What could there be more purely bright In Truth's day-star?

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