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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. Hymn (1835) - One of Poe's poems.

Opening lines: At morn- at noon- at twilight dim- / Maria! thou hast heard my hymn! ...

Hymn

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At morn- at noon- at twilight dim
Maria! thou hast heard my hymn!
In joy and woe- in good and ill
Mother of God, be with me still!
When the hours flew brightly by,
And not a cloud obscured the sky,
My soul, lest it should truant be,
Thy grace did guide to thine and thee;
Now, when storms of Fate o'er cast
Darkly my Present and my Past,
Let my Future radiant shine
With sweet hopes of thee and thine!

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