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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. To_ (1830) - One of Poe's poems.

Opening lines: The bowers whereat in dreams, I see / The wantonest singing birds, ...

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The bowers whereat, in dreams, I see
The wantonest singing birds,
Are lips- and all thy melody
Of lip-begotten words

Thine eyes, in Heaven of heart enshrined,
Then desolately fall,
O God! on my funereal mind
Like starlight on a pall

Thy heart- thy heart!- I wake and sigh,
And sleep to dream till day
Of the truth that gold can never buy
Of the baubles that it may.

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