

**1829**

**SONNET- TO SCIENCE**

**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. Sonnet — To Science (1829) - One of Poe's poems. Opening lines: Science! true daughter of Old Time thou art! / Who alterest all things with thy peering eyes. ...*

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Science! true daughter of Old Time thou art!  
Who alterest all things with thy peering eyes.  
Why preyest thou thus upon the poet's heart, Vulture, whose wings are dull  
realities? How should he love thee? or how deem thee wise, Who wouldst not  
leave him in his wandering To seek for treasure in the jewelled skies, Albeit he  
soared with an undaunted wing? Hast thou not dragged Diana from her car?  
And driven the Hamadryad from the wood To seek a shelter in some happier  
star? Hast thou not torn the Naiad from her flood, The Elfin from the green  
grass, and from me The summer dream beneath the tamarind tree?

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