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PART I.

PHANTASMAGORIA.

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The Trystyng.

ONE wintry night, at half-past nine,

Cold, tired, and cross, and muddy,

I had come home, too late to dine,

And supper, with cigars and wine,

Was waiting in the study.

There was a strangeness in the room,

And something thin and wavy

Was standing near me in the gloom—

I took it for the carpet-broom

Left by that careless slavey.