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" Leaves pollid and sombre and ruddy, Dead fruits of the jugative years; Some stained as with wine and made bloody, And some as with tears."

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RESURGAM.

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YES, yes, dear love ! I am dead ! Dead to you !

Dead to the world !

Dead for ever !

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It was one young night in May.

The stars were strangled, and the moon was blind with the flying clouds of a black despair.

Years and years the songless soul waited to drift ou beyond the sea of pain where the shapeless life was wrecked.

The red mouth closed down the breath that was harand fierce.

The mad pulse beat back the baffled life with a low sob.

And so the stark and naked soul unfolded its wings to the dimness of Death !

A lonely, unknown Death.

A Death that left this dum', living body as his endless mark.

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