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HIS is the House of Dreams. Whoso is
fain
To enter in this shadow-land of mine,
He must forget the utter Summer's shine
And all the daylight ways of hand and brain:
Here is the white moon ever on the wane,
And here the air is sad with many a sign
Of haunting mysteries,—the golden wine
Of June falls never, nor the silver rain
Of hawthorns pallid with the joy of Spring;
But many a mirage of pale memories
Veils up the sunless aisles: upon the breeze
A music of waste sighs doth float and sing;
And in the shadow of the sad-flower'd trees,
The ghosts of men's desire walk wandering.

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