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Edgar Allan Poe

By ADOLPHE DE CASTRO

*An acrostic sonnet, written in a sequestered Providence churchyard
where Poe once walked*

Enshrined within our hearts is e'er thy name,
Dear Bard, unjoyed by lasting happiness
Great love doth yield; but through thy pain and stress
A messenger, the ghostly Raven, came,
Revealing horror stark and cold; he bore

A tear that flowed from eyes of lost Lenore,
Light-glinting, and the shade of her caress.
Lo, then, thy genius flamed with art that chills,
A grim, ubiquitous malignity,
Night-gloomed and pulsing with portending ills

Pernicious yet delightful, brought to thee
On angel's wings, a gift that, loved and feared,
Enranked thee greatest monarch of the weird.