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Ennui

By CLARK ASHTON SMITH

Thou art immured in some sad garden sown with dust
 Of fruit of Sodom that bedims the summer ground,
 And burdenously bows the lilies many-crowned,
 Or fills the pale and ebon mouths of sleepy lust
 The poppies raise. . . . And, falling there imponderously,
 Dull ashes emptied from the urns of all the dead
 Have stilled the fountain and have sealed the fountain-head,
 And pall-wise draped the pine and flowering myrtle-tree. . . .

Thou art becalmed upon that slothful ancient main
 Where Styx and Lethe fall; where skies of stagnant gray
 With the gray stagnant waters meet and merge as one:
 How tardily thy torpid heart remembers pain,
 And love itself, as aureate islands far away,
 On seas refulgent with the incredible red sun,