

# Weird Tales



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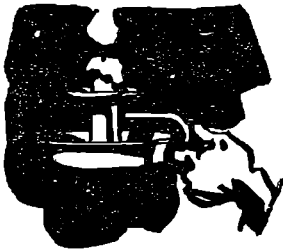
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# Hallowe'en Candle

By YETZA GILLESPIE

STANDING like a woman,  
 Her candle blown out,  
 Who hides in stillness  
 From what may be about

The earth's heart thuds  
 But its breath comes light,  
 And the trees give tongue,  
 "Tonight! Tonight . . ."



The stars burn green  
 As the eyes of owls;  
 At the moon's white heels  
 The grey wind howls.

The dry leaves tick  
 On the paving stones  
 With the sapless sound  
 Of a cane, or bones.

Oh, stealthy! Oh, swiftly!  
 Lay a wary head  
 On safe goosefeathers  
 At middle of the bed.

