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The
City of Death

By EDITH HURLEY

There is a city far, whose turrets tall
Have never known the kindly light of day,
And in whose squares no laughing children play;
Upon old towers the wavering moonbeams fall;
Dim, ghostly sentries pace the crumbling wall;
While in its habitations foul Decay
And Dissolution hold unquestioned sway:
And Silence hangs above it like a pall.

Within its narrow lanes strange figures creep,
Monstrous, misshapen creatures of the Night,
Denied the blessed anodyne of Sleep,
Robbed of the precious heritage of light,
Who bow in darkness, desolate and lone,
Before a god implacable as stone.