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Is this death,
A gloom deeper than the darkest despair—
A cloud of black creeping mist—
The dull complaint of hellish thunder—
A blackness which shreiks
When the arrows of fire pierce its sides—
A minor cadence
Of dissonances which cannot resolve—
An empyrean of abysmal gloom—
The mad mind calling for a god?

Death—a sombre wind blowing
Light, hope, life into the void,
The unplumbed depths of oblivion.

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