

## The Dreadful Mirror

Sopor Aeternus

White as snow lie my lover's bones  
in the soft, velvet soil of the vault,  
And I, his bride, sleep by his side,  
To celebrate our sacred love.  
At times it seems that I'm existing only  
within some fading memory,  
But dreams are all sacred, dreams are all holy ... -  
And, by far, still the safest place for my poor soul to  
be.

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that guided your war-horse and your living stake !  
We are dancing in circles with the dear living dead,  
We are blessed with the corpses that coil 'round our  
necks.  
Please, don't speak of that terrible place,  
That once guided your war-horse and your living stake !

We are taking a walk with our dear walking dead,  
Feeling blessed with the corpses that feed on our  
necks.

I caught a glimpse of myself on the other sphere  
and for a fleeting moment I forgot the tears.  
Dreams are precious ... and - OH - so is sleep,  
This, my safest, yet ... by far ... the most fragile of  
all retreats.

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