

# The Shadow-Lover

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Shadow-Lover, never seen by day,  
Only deep in dreams do you appear  
Wisdom tells me I should turn away,  
Love of mist and shadows, all unclear-  
Nothing can I hold of you but thought  
Shadow-Lover mist and twilight wrought.

Shadow-Lover, comfort me in pain.  
Love, although I never see you face,  
All who'd have me fear you speak in vain-  
Never would I shrink from your embrace  
Shadow-Lover, gentle is your hand  
Never could another understand.

Shadow-Lover, soothe me when I mourn  
Mourn for all who left me here alone,  
When my grief is too much to be borne,  
When my burdens crushing-great have grown,  
Shadow-Lover, I cannot forget-  
Help me bear the burdens I have yet.

Shadow-Lover, you alone can know  
How I long to reach a point of peace  
How I fade with weariness and woe  
How I long for you to bring release.  
Shadow-Lover, court me in my dreams  
Bring the peace that suffering redeems.

Shadow-Lover, from the Shadows made,  
Lead me into Shadows once again.  
Where you lead I cannot be afraid,  
For with you I shall come home again-  
In your arms I shall not fear the night.  
Shadow-Lover, lead me into light.