Sardonicus

There was a night Death grinned with delight At the ghoulish deed of a fool To an old grave Where his father is lain He sought a fortune untold Fear turns to fright A cold hellish sight A sardonic smile ear to ear Featured paralyzed a grimacing skull His face is now grotesque Scared from the sight of the decaying corpse Once his father, profaned

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To search for a cure The methods unsure With blood sucking leaches he tested On young peasant girls from the village below He could not get results requested A doctor was summoned From beyond the valley A master with needles and toxins Upon his arrival he was to be greeted With chains, shackles and irons Demanding a potion to cure the affliction The doctor was forced to comply

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Months of trial and error Finally showed success The mocking sardonic grin Gone and won't be missed Now with the doctor's task complete His captor sets him free Unwary of a side effect No one could forsee Jaws locked tight Can't eat or drink No more can he see Left alone to his own Self-inflicted doom.