

## Xanadu (A Vision in a Dream)

Stormlord

The golden shadow  
Of the pleasure dome  
Floated midway on the waves  
Of the river Alph

"In Xanadu did Kubla Khan  
A stately pleasure dome decree...  
Where Alph, the sacred river, ran  
Down to a sunless sea  
So twice  
Five miles of fertile ground with towers and walls  
were girdled round  
And here were gardens bright  
With sinuous... rills

And here were forests, forests as  
ancient as the hills  
Enfolding sunny, spots of greenery"

A mystic reign on the Asian coast was located  
A miracle of rare device...  
A sunny pleasure-dome was built  
Over the winding enchanting icy caves  
The silence ruled  
among the sacred lands  
Of Xanadu

From a raging dance of rocks,  
since the dawn of Time  
It flings up the holy turbid stream  
In this ageless tumult, Kubla Khan heard from  
Far Ancestral voices prophesying... war!

A savage place!

...a vision in a dream!

And beyond wood and dale there was  
An endless abyss where the river  
Would sink in turmoil to a lifeless ocean  
Alight by the shine of  
A feeble waning moon  
Lost in the sky

...and still some whispers in the midnight breeze  
remind us again the beauty of Xanadu!