



CAN HE HOLD IT?

A FANTASIE.

What was it that woke me at dead of night
Out of my slumber sound and sweet?
And caused me to shiver and shake with fright,
Till I felt my cheeks grow pale and white,
And I hid my head beneath the sheet.

Was it the sound of the murmuring river
Rushing to join the lillowy ocean?
Ah! beautiful sea where the sunbeams quiver,
And the song of thy waves goes on forever
As thy breast is heaved with a gentle motion.

Nay, it was not that; what might it be
That caused my hair to assume the form
Of a hedgehog's spines, or the twigs of a tree
Dancing in wild and ecstatic glee,
Impelled by the power of Wigginesse's storm?

Was it the song of the midnight breeze
In low and weird cadences singing;
As it tells its mystic tale to the trees,
As it sings of the wonderful things it sees
In a voice like far-off vespers ringing?

Or was it, ah! could it have possibly been
An angel sweeping the strings of his harp,
A glorious being in silvery sheen,
With a wonderful song that was something between
A Mielan' pibroch and an Irish keen,
And sung in the key of W. sharp?

It was none of these; nor was it the cry
Of the mournful owl that at midnight hoots;
'Twas my neighbor's pigs who had bust their sty,
And were holding nocturnal revelry
As they grubbed around in my yard for roots,
Alack, a-well-a-day!

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