

# Annabel Lee

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It was many and many a year ago,  
 In a kingdom by the sea,  
 That a maiden there lived whom you may know  
 By the name of Annabel Lee;  
 And this maiden she lived with no other thought  
 Than to love and be loved by me.

*I* was a child and *she* was a child,  
 In this kingdom by the sea,  
 But we loved with a love that was more than love—  
 I and my Annabel Lee—  
 With a love that the wingèd seraphs of Heaven  
 Coveted her and me.

And this was the reason that, long ago,  
 In this kingdom by the sea,  
 A wind blew out of a cloud, chilling  
 My beautiful Annabel Lee;  
 So that her highborn kinsmen came  
 And bore her away from me,  
 To shut her up in a sepulchre  
 In this kingdom by the sea.

The angels, not half so happy in Heaven,  
 Went envying her and me—  
 Yes!—that was the reason (as all men know,  
 In this kingdom by the sea)  
 That the wind came out of the cloud by night,  
 Chilling and killing my Annabel Lee.

But our love it was stronger by far than the love  
 Of those who were older than we—  
 Of many far wiser than we—  
 And neither the angels in Heaven above  
 Nor the demons down under the sea  
 Can ever dissever my soul from the soul  
 Of the beautiful Annabel Lee;

For the moon never beams, without bringing me dreams  
 Of the beautiful Annabel Lee;  
 And the stars never rise, but I feel the bright eyes  
 Of the beautiful Annabel Lee;  
 And so, all the night-tide, I lie down by the side  
 Of my darling—my darling—my life and my bride,  
 In her sepulchre there by the sea—  
 In her tomb by the sounding sea.

