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# Gretchen

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Mädchentränen,  
Schmerzlich Sehnen,  
Perlen aus des Himmels Tau,  
Werden weiß und werden grau.

Einer Seele weiches Sehnen,  
Eines Herzens schmerzlich Dehnen,  
Hui, das ist so warm und kalt  
Wie gespenstische Gestalt.

Eisig schmückt es alle Wände,  
Starr und freudlos alle Hände,  
Alles schweigend, alles stumm,  
Nur der Böse geht herum!