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Lycanthropus

By C. EDGAR BOLEN

The jellied night has oozed its miry black  
From out the hills to fill the valley floor.  
Atop the ragged hills the torn cloud-wrack  
Is lightning-limned into a hellish door.  
A gust of wind across the sky is hurled—  
The gods of old are loosed upon the world.

Age-old, the blood-lust wells within my throat;  
Tensely I wait, and feel my body shrink;  
My hairless hide becomes a furry coat.  
Blood-hungry, through the opened door I slink;  
I raise my head and howl in horrid glee—  
And from the plain a howl comes back to me.

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