

# Abney Park, The Emperor's Wives

Deep, dark forest kingdom  
Under banyan covered skies  
Lived a king with untold riches;  
Jewels, gold, and two fair wives.  
Both had hair as black as midnight,  
Coal-black eyes that sparkled bright,  
Terra-cotta skin as smooth as bronze  
And tender movements like a sprite.

Every night he indulged his fantasies  
Enjoyed his wives and went to sleep  
As he slept his wives kept secrets  
Holding hands under the sheets.

Each dark day in this ancient palace  
The Emperor sat on his throne of gold,  
while his young wives explored bright gardens.  
Eye met eyes and hands did hold.

One hot night in the dead of summer,  
the emperor's wife saw a look of love on her lover's face - toward their husband.  
Fires burned jealous, she lost her love.  
On hot night in the dead of summer,  
the Emperor's wife stole a magi's blade  
and crept into her lover's chamber  
and as they slept her lover slayed.