

# Empyrium, The Shepherd And The Maiden Ghost

It was an eve in late summer,  
autumn was nigh  
still a warm sun did colour the sky  
The meadows did shine in a strange golden light  
and vales did forth the soft haze of night

When through the air a voice did resound  
beckoning the shepherd to rise from the ground

The shepherd:  
'What sweet voice does sing in such a weebegone tone?  
What maiden does wander the heather alone?'

Bewitched by its tone,  
he followed her song,  
whilst the sun did descend  
and the shadows grew long  
In the dim light of dusk,  
near the sparkling cascade  
on a moss covered stone sat a crying young maid

The shepherd:  
'Why art thou dreary?  
What happened to thee?  
What song didst thou sing so woefully?'

The maiden:  
'Go whither O shepherd!  
Don't sadden thine heart  
Thou canst not help me - not thou who thou art!  
An old man who's been born in a cradle of wood  
of a tree that at least a hundred years stood,  
cut by a boy who at heart was still pure -  
might be my redeemer if he knew that he could...