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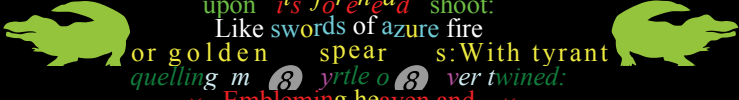
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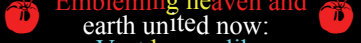
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THEA:

And fro
m a star
upon *its forehead* shoot:



Like swords of azure fire
or golden spears: With tyrant
quelling *myrtle* o' *ver* twined:



Embleming heaven and
earth united now:
Vast beams like
spokes of
some

★invisible★
wheel:



★Which★
whirl as
the orb whirls

X swifter than thought: X



X X X X X Filling the abyss with sun like lightnings: X X X X X X

And perpendicular now and now transverse:
Pierce the dark soil and as they pierce and pass
Make bare the secrets of the earth's deep heart:



Infinite mine of adamant and gold: Valueless stones and unimagined gems: And caverns
On crystalline columns poised: Vegetable silver overspread: Wells of unfathomed fire and water springs:
Whence the great sea even as a child is fed: Whose vapors clothe earth's monarch mountain tops:



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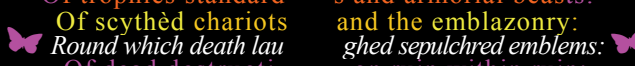
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With kingly ermine snow
And make appear the melancholy ruins:

Of cancelled cycles: Anchors beaks of ships:

Planks turned to marble:
Quivers helmets and spears:

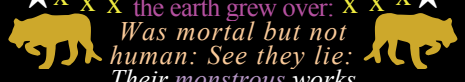
And gorgon headed targes and the wheels:
Of trophies standards and armorial beasts:



Of scythed chariots and the emblazonry:
Round which death laughed sepulchred emblems:

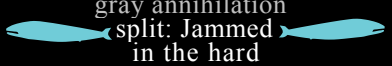
Of dead destruction on ruin within ruin:
The wrecks beside of many a city vast:

Whose population which
★ X X X the earth grew over: X X X ★



Was mortal but not
human: See they lie:
Their monstrous works
and uncouth skeletons:

Their statues homes and
fanefanous prodigious shapes:

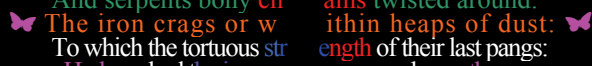


Huddled in
gray annihilation
split: Jammed
in the hard

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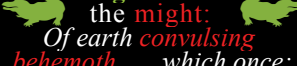
over these:
The anatomies of
unknown winged things:

And fishes which were isles of living scale:
And serpents bony chains twisted around:



The iron crags or within heaps of dust:
To which the tortuous strength of their last pangs:
Had crushed the iron crags and over these:

The jagged
alligator and
the might:

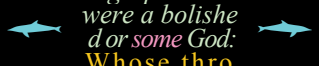


Of earth convulsing
behemoth which once:
Were monarch beasts
and on the slimy shores:

★ X X X X X X continents of earth: X X X X X X ★

Increased and multiplied
like summer worms:
On an abandoned corpse
till the blue globe:
Wrapped deluge
round it like a cloak
and the yell

ed gasped and
were a bolishe
d or some God:



Whose throne
was in a
comet
passed

★ X X X and X X X ★
cried: X X X ★

Be not!
And like my
words
they
were
no
more:
:



NOTES:



Okeanis were attendants of the Olympian goddesses the most prominent of which were the sixty companions of Artemis the goddess of a thousand breasts:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Percy_Bysshe_Shelley

Prometheus Unbound 270

<http://www.bartleby.com/139/shel11614.html>

<http://www.theoi.com/Nymphe/Okeanides.html>



Artemis of Ephesus

300 years after the murder of Jesus three hundred thousand people gathered on the steps of the Pergamon Altar and yelled out to sea: I believe in Artemis the elegant goddess of the myriad lovely breasts