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Dry Land

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I, a nomad-waste lander, wandered alone,

On the sun eclipsed day,

Oscillating on drab vales, and hills,

A stony rubbish, as Farsifal,

When all at once I saw,

The copious skulls agape with gap teeth

A Hades, beneath it a pile of corpses

Mocking at my desolation.

Continuous as the fallen cherubs

As grim as the eclipsed moon

They stretched in never ending line

Along with the sulphuric waste land

Myriads saw I at my amazed gaze

Tossing their skulls downwards with teeth agape, gasping.

The heat waves beside them are furious, but they

Never out did the handful dust of human pain

A waste lander, couldn't be gay, but disillusioned.

I such doleful waste lander:

I gazed and gazed, but with no promise

What curse had brought this pain to this Promised Land:



For oft, when on my death bed I lie

In vacant or in pessimistic mood,

All flash in my mind

What sin the waste landers did,

And then my heart with melancholy fills

And aches with skulls in Hades.

I, as Terisias, know

The crime of

Odipius, Fisher King

And the ignorance of Sibyl.

I foresay, the penance of

Death by water is needed

For the fruitful Promised Land.

Note: Sources are from Wordsworth's Daffodils, Milton's Paradise Lost and T. E. Eliot's The Waste Land