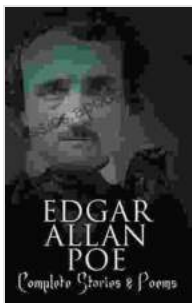


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## Annabel Lee: A Symphony of Lost Love

# Annabel Lee

by Edgar Allan Poe

It was many and many a year ago,  
In a kingdom by the sea,  
That a maiden there lived whom you  
may know  
By the name of Annabel Lee;  
And this maiden she lived with no  
other thought  
Than to love and be loved by me.

I was a child and she was a child,  
In this kingdom by the sea;  
But we loved with a love that was more  
than love—  
I and my Annabel Lee;  
With a love that the winged seraphs  
of heaven  
Coveted her and me.

And this was the reason that, long ago,  
In this kingdom by the sea,  
A wind blew out of a cloud, chilling  
My beautiful Annabel Lee;  
So that her highborn kinsman came  
And bore her away from me,  
To shut her up in a sepulchre  
In this kingdom by the sea.

The angels, not half so happy in heaven,  
Went envying her and me—  
Yes!—that was the reason (as all men  
know, in this kingdom by the sea)  
That the wind came out of the cloud  
by night,  
Chilling and killing my Annabel Lee.

But our love it was stronger by far  
than the love  
Of those who were older than we—  
Of many far wiser than we—  
And neither the angels in heaven above,  
Nor the demons down under the sea,  
Can ever dissever my soul from the soul  
Of the beautiful Annabel Lee:

For the moon never beams, without  
bringing me dreams  
Of the beautiful Annabel Lee;  
And the stars never rise, but I feel  
the bright eyes  
Of the beautiful Annabel Lee;  
And so, all the night-tide, I lie down  
by the side  
Of my darling—my darling—my life  
and my bride,  
In her sepulchre there by the sea,  
In her tomb by the sounding sea.

*"In a kingdom by the sea, there lived a maiden fair..."*

*With these haunting opening lines, Poe weaves a spellbinding tale of love and loss that transcends the boundaries of life and death. "Annabel Lee" is a poetic masterpiece that captures the essence of young, passionate love cut short by tragedy. The narrator's grief-stricken voice echoes throughout the verses, evoking a palpable sense of longing and despair.*

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*"And the Lady Ligeia lived and loved unyieldingly, as one who had never died."*

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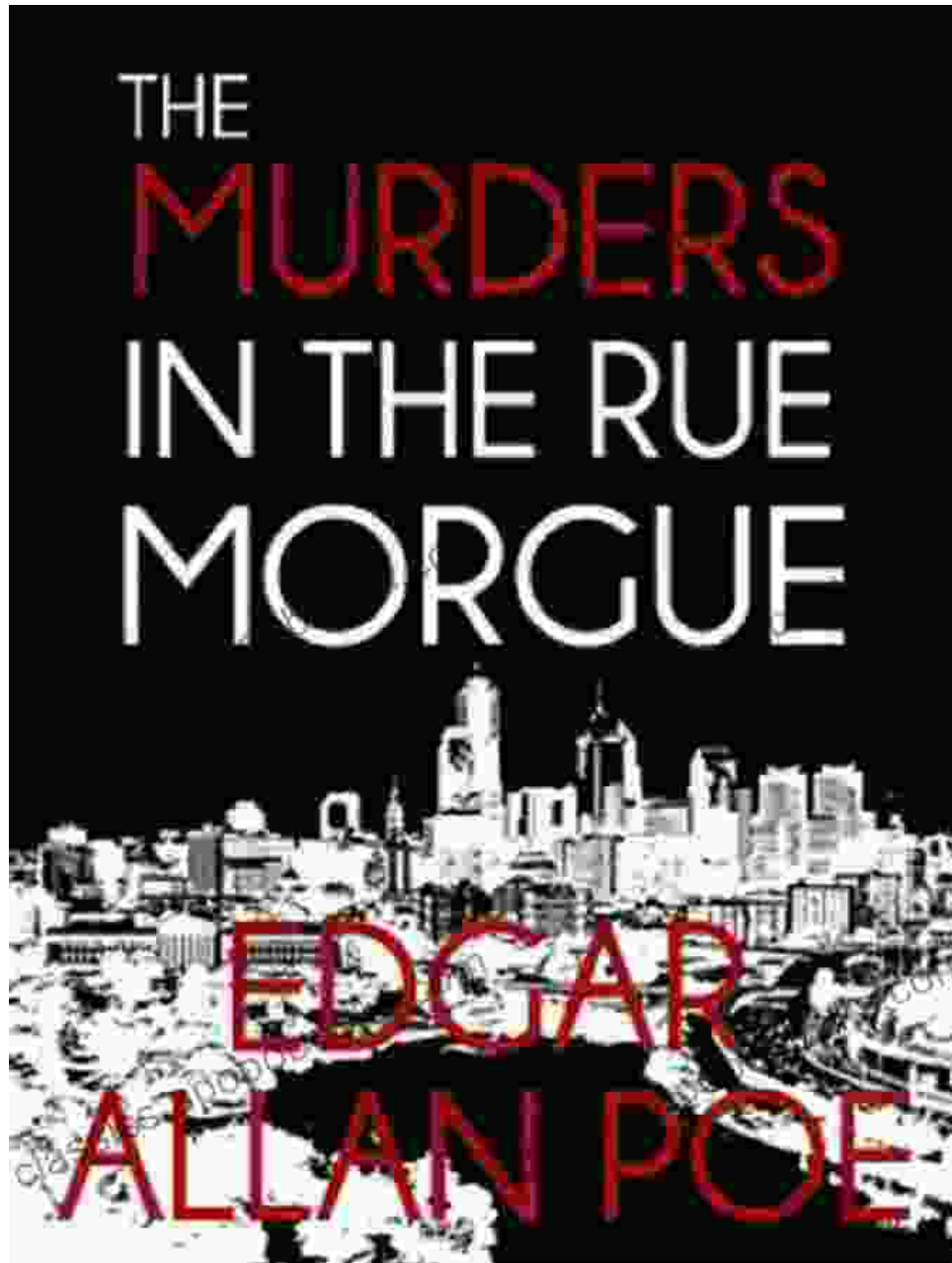
### **The Raven: A Poetic Contemplation of Grief**



*"Once upon a midnight dreary, while I pondered, weak and weary..."*

*"The Raven" is perhaps Poe's most iconic poem, a haunting meditation on loss, despair, and the passage of time. The narrator, overcome by grief, is visited by a mysterious raven that utters only one word: "Nevermore." The raven's haunting refrain becomes a symbol of the narrator's unyielding sorrow and the inevitability of death.*

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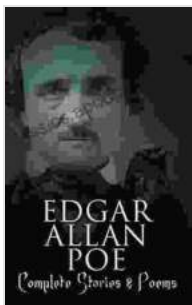
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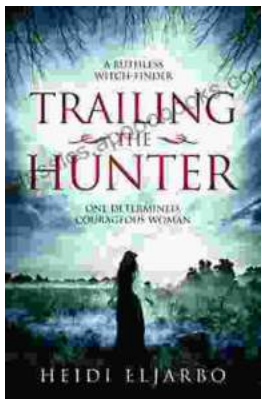






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