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**ODE TO THE DEAD**

Evil is never never

Muttered about the Dead O,

Evil is never never

Evoked against the citizens

Across the Black River O¹,

Blame it never never,

Shower it never never,

Whisper it never never,

Gossip it never never,

For the dead have no witness

To stand for their defense O,

For the dead have no self

To stand for their self-defense O.

Evil is never never

Muttered about the Dead O.

Evil is never never

Evoked about the citizens

Across the Black River O.

1. The Home of the dead.
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