

Heinrich Heine,  
The Lorelei

*tradukita de Mark Twain*

*An ancient legend of the Rhine*

I cannot divine what it meaneth,  
This haunting nameless pain:  
A tale of the bygone ages  
Keeps brooding through my brain:

The faint air cools in the gloaming,  
And peaceful flows the Rhine,  
The thirsty summits are drinking  
The sunset's flooding wine;

The loveliest maiden is sitting  
High-throned in yon blue air,  
Her golden jewels are shining,  
She combs her golden hair;

She combs with comb that is golden,  
And sings a weird refrain  
That steps in a deadly enchantment  
The listener's ravished brain:

The doomed in his drifting shallop,  
Is tranced with the sad sweet tone,  
He sees not the yawing breakers,  
He sees but the maid alone:

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*tradukita de L. W. Garnham*

I do not know what it signifies.  
That I am so sorrowful?  
A fable of old Times so terrifies,  
Leaves my heart so thoughtful.

The air is cool and it darkens,  
And calmly flows the Rhine;  
The summit of the mountain hearkens  
In evening sunshine line.

The most beautiful Maiden entrances  
Above wonderfully there,  
Her beautiful golden attire glances,  
She combs her golden hair.

With golden comb so lustrous,  
And thereby a song sings,  
It has a tone so wondrous,  
That powerful melody rings.

The shipper in the little ship  
It effects with woe sad might;  
He does not see the rocky slip,  
He only regards dreaded height.

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The pitiless billows engulf him!  
 So perish sailor and bark;  
 And this, with her baleful singing,  
 Is the Lorelei's gruesome work.

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I believe the turbulent waves  
 Swallow the last shipper and boat;  
 She with her singing craves  
 All to visit her magic moat.

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