



Both Poe and Shelley were poets of the spiritual, but they have a great difference. Shelley describes the spiritual as the spiritual; Poe describes the spiritual as the not-human. Shelley sees the grandeur, the joyous greatness of the Problem of life; Poe sees ~~but its~~ ^{this greatness} ~~it~~ also ^{but} he sees none the less its horror. Shelley puts the ^{great} problem before us in reference to the soul that is warmed by its joyousness and its *limitless love; Poe puts the problem before us in reference to the mind, which is crushed by its insolubility.

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