

Delia XLV

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Care-charmer **Sleep,** **son** **of** **the** **sable** **Night,**
[kɛɐ̯ 'tʃɑ̯.ɹme slɪp sʌn əv ðʌ 'se:ɪ.bəl na:ɪt]

Brother **to** **Death,** **in** **silent** **darkness** **born,**
['brʌð.ɐ tu dɛθ ɪn 'sa:ɪ.lənt 'dɑ̯k.nə(ɪ)s bɔ̯ɹn]

Relieve my languish and restore the light,
With dark forgetting of my cares, return;
And let the day be time enough to mourn
The shipwreck of my ill-adventur'd youth:
Let waking eyes suffice to wail their scorn,
Without the torment of the night's untruth.
Cease, dreams, th' imagery of our day-desires
To model forth the passions of the morrow;
Never let rising sun approve you liars,
To add more grief to aggravate my sorrow.
Still let me sleep, embracing clouds in vain;
And never wake to feel the day's disdain.

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