

# Lines

**"That time is dead for ever, child"**

Percy Bysshe Shelley

1824

I

That time is dead for ever, child!  
Drowned, frozen, dead for ever!  
We look on the past  
And stare aghast  
At the spectres wailing, pale and ghast,  
Of hopes which thou and I beguiled  
To death on life's dark river.

II

The stream we gazed on then rolled by;  
Its waves are unreturning;  
But we yet stand  
In a lone land,  
Like tombs to mark the memory  
Of hopes and fears, which fade and flee  
In the light of life's dim morning.

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