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[*Mistah Kurtz- he dead.*](http://aduni.org/~heather/occs/honors/Notesonpoem.htm#epigraphtosection)

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| I |  |
| We are the [hollow men](http://aduni.org/~heather/occs/honors/Notesonpoem.htm#onefour) |  |
| We are the [stuffed men](http://aduni.org/~heather/occs/honors/Notesonpoem.htm#two) |  |
| Leaning together |  |
| [Headpiece filled with straw](http://aduni.org/~heather/occs/honors/Notesonpoem.htm#four). Alas! |  |
| Our dried voices, when | 5 |
| We [whisper](http://aduni.org/~heather/occs/honors/Notesonpoem.htm#six) together |  |
| Are quiet and meaningless |  |
| As wind in dry grass |  |
| Or rats' feet over broken glass | 10 |
| In our dry cellar |  |
| [Shape without form, shade without colour,](http://aduni.org/~heather/occs/honors/Notesonpoem.htm#eleventwelve) |  |
| [Paralysed force, gesture without motion;](http://aduni.org/~heather/occs/honors/Notesonpoem.htm#eleventwelve) |  |
| [Those who have crossed](http://aduni.org/~heather/occs/honors/Notesonpoem.htm#thirteenfifteen) |  |
| [With direct eyes, to death's other Kingdom](http://aduni.org/~heather/occs/honors/Notesonpoem.htm#thirteenfifteen) |  |
| [Remember us](http://aduni.org/~heather/occs/honors/Notesonpoem.htm#fifteen) [- if at all - not as lost](http://aduni.org/~heather/occs/honors/Notesonpoem.htm#thirteenfifteen) | 15 |
| Violent souls, but only |  |
| As the hollow men |  |
| The stuffed men. |  |
| II |  |
| [Eyes I dare not meet in](http://aduni.org/~heather/occs/honors/Notesonpoem.htm#nineteentwentytwo) [dreams](http://aduni.org/~heather/occs/honors/Notesonpoem.htm#nineteen) |  |
| [In death's dream kingdom](http://aduni.org/~heather/occs/honors/Notesonpoem.htm#nineteentwentytwo) | 20 |
| [These do not appear:](http://aduni.org/~heather/occs/honors/Notesonpoem.htm#twentytwentytwo) |  |
| [There, the eyes are](http://aduni.org/~heather/occs/honors/Notesonpoem.htm#twentytwentytwo) |  |
| [Sunlight on a](http://aduni.org/~heather/occs/honors/Notesonpoem.htm#twentythreetwentyeight) [broken column](http://aduni.org/~heather/occs/honors/Notesonpoem.htm#twentythree) |  |
| [There, is a](http://aduni.org/~heather/occs/honors/Notesonpoem.htm#twentythreetwentyeight) [tree swinging](http://aduni.org/~heather/occs/honors/Notesonpoem.htm#twentyfour) |  |
| [And voices are](http://aduni.org/~heather/occs/honors/Notesonpoem.htm#twentythreetwentyeight) | 25 |
| [In the wind's singing](http://aduni.org/~heather/occs/honors/Notesonpoem.htm#twentythreetwentyeight) |  |
| [More distant and more solemn](http://aduni.org/~heather/occs/honors/Notesonpoem.htm#twentythreetwentyeight) |  |
| [Than a fading star.](http://aduni.org/~heather/occs/honors/Notesonpoem.htm#twentythreetwentyeight) |  |
| Let me be no nearer |  |
| In death's dream kingdom | 30 |
| Let me also wear |  |
| Such [deliberate disguises](http://aduni.org/~heather/occs/honors/Notesonpoem.htm#thirtytwo) |  |
| Rat's coat, crowskin, crossed staves |  |
| In a field |  |
| [Behaving as the wind behaves](http://aduni.org/~heather/occs/honors/Notesonpoem.htm#thirtyfive) | 35 |
| No nearer - |  |
| [Not that final meeting](http://aduni.org/~heather/occs/honors/Notesonpoem.htm#thirtyseventhirtyeight) |  |
| [In the twilight kingdom](http://aduni.org/~heather/occs/honors/Notesonpoem.htm#thirtyseventhirtyeight) |  |
| III |  |
| [This is the dead land](http://aduni.org/~heather/occs/honors/Notesonpoem.htm#thirtyninefortyfour) |  |
| [This is cactus land](http://aduni.org/~heather/occs/honors/Notesonpoem.htm#thirtyninefortyfour) | 40 |
| [Here the stone images](http://aduni.org/~heather/occs/honors/Notesonpoem.htm#thirtyninefortyfour) |  |
| [Are raised, here they receive](http://aduni.org/~heather/occs/honors/Notesonpoem.htm#thirtyninefortyfour) |  |
| [The supplication of a dead man's hand](http://aduni.org/~heather/occs/honors/Notesonpoem.htm#thirtyninefortyfour) |  |
| [Under the twinkle of a fading star.](http://aduni.org/~heather/occs/honors/Notesonpoem.htm#thirtyninefortyfour) |  |
| Is it like this | 45 |
| In death's other kingdom |  |
| [Waking alone](http://aduni.org/~heather/occs/honors/Notesonpoem.htm#fortyseven) |  |
| At the hour when we are |  |
| [Trembling with tenderness](http://aduni.org/~heather/occs/honors/Notesonpoem.htm#fortyninefiftyone) |  |
| [Lips that would kiss](http://aduni.org/~heather/occs/honors/Notesonpoem.htm#fiftyfiftyone) | 50 |
| [Form prayers to broken stone](http://aduni.org/~heather/occs/honors/Notesonpoem.htm#fiftyfiftyone). |  |
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| [There are no eyes here](http://aduni.org/~heather/occs/honors/Notesonpoem.htm#fiftytwofiftysix) |  |
| [In this valley of dying stars](http://aduni.org/~heather/occs/honors/Notesonpoem.htm#fiftytwofiftysix) |  |
| [In this hollow valley](http://aduni.org/~heather/occs/honors/Notesonpoem.htm#fiftytwofiftysix) | 55 |
| This [broken jaw](http://aduni.org/~heather/occs/honors/Notesonpoem.htm#fiftysix) of our lost kingdoms |  |
| [In this last of meeting places](http://aduni.org/~heather/occs/honors/Notesonpoem.htm#fiftysevensixty) |  |
| [We grope together](http://aduni.org/~heather/occs/honors/Notesonpoem.htm#fiftysevensixty) |  |
| [And avoid speech](http://aduni.org/~heather/occs/honors/Notesonpoem.htm#fiftysevensixty) |  |
| [Gathered on this beach of the](http://aduni.org/~heather/occs/honors/Notesonpoem.htm#fiftysevensixty) [tumid river](http://aduni.org/~heather/occs/honors/Notesonpoem.htm#sixty) | 60 |
| [Sightless, unless](http://aduni.org/~heather/occs/honors/Notesonpoem.htm#sixtyonesixtytwo) |  |
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| [As the perpetual star](http://aduni.org/~heather/occs/honors/Notesonpoem.htm#sixtyfoursixtythree) |  |
| [Multifoliate rose](http://aduni.org/~heather/occs/honors/Notesonpoem.htm#sixtyfoursixtythree) |  |
| Of death's [twilight](http://aduni.org/~heather/occs/honors/Notesonpoem.htm#sixtyfive) kingdom | 65 |
| The hope only |  |
| Of empty men. |  |
| V |  |
| [*Here we go round the prickly pear*](http://aduni.org/~heather/occs/honors/Notesonpoem.htm#sixtyeightseventy) |  |
| [*Prickly pear prickly pear*](http://aduni.org/~heather/occs/honors/Notesonpoem.htm#sixtyeightseventy) |  |
| [*Here we go round the prickly pear*](http://aduni.org/~heather/occs/honors/Notesonpoem.htm#sixtyeightseventy) | 70 |
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| [And the reality](http://aduni.org/~heather/occs/honors/Notesonpoem.htm#seventytwoninety) |  |
| [Between the motion](http://aduni.org/~heather/occs/honors/Notesonpoem.htm#seventytwoninety) |  |
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| Between the conception |  |
| And the creation |  |
| Between the emotion | 80 |
| And the response |  |
| Falls the Shadow |  |
| [*Life is very long*](http://aduni.org/~heather/occs/honors/Notesonpoem.htm#eightythree) |  |
| Between the desire |  |
| And the spasm | 85 |
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| [Between the essence](http://aduni.org/~heather/occs/honors/Notesonpoem.htm#eightyeighteightynine) |  |
| [And the descent](http://aduni.org/~heather/occs/honors/Notesonpoem.htm#eightyeighteightynine) |  |
| Falls the Shadow | 90 |
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| For Thine is |  |
| Life is |  |
| For Thine is the |  |
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| [*Not with a bang but a whimper.*](http://aduni.org/~heather/occs/honors/Notesonpoem.htm#ninetyeight) |  |