

**ANNABEL LEE**

Edgar Allan Poe

It was many and many a year ago,  
 In a kingdom by the sea,  
 That a maiden there lived whom you may know  
 By the name of Annabel Lee;  
 And this maiden she lived with no other thought  
 Than to love and be loved by me.

I was a child and *she* was a child,  
 In this kingdom by the sea;  
 But we loved with a love that was more than love —  
 I and my Annabel Lee;  
 With a love that the wingéd seraphs of Heaven  
 Coveted her and me.

And this was the reason that, long ago,  
 In this kingdom by the sea,  
 A wind blew out of a cloud, chilling  
 My beautiful Annabel Lee;  
 So that her highborn kinsmen came  
 And bore her away from me,  
 shut her up in a sepulchre,  
 In this kingdom by the sea.

The angels, not half so happy in Heaven,  
 Went envying her and me —  
 Yes! — that was the reason (as all men know,  
 In this kingdom by the sea)  
 That the wind came out of the cloud by night,  
 Chilling and killing my Annabel Lee.

But our love it was stronger by far than the love  
 Of those who were older than we —  
 Of many far wiser than we —  
 And neither the angels in Heaven above,  
 Nor the demons down under the sea,  
 Can ever dissever my soul from the soul  
 Of the beautiful Annabel Lee;

For the moon never beams without bringing me dreams  
 Of the beautiful Annabel Lee;  
 And the stars never rise but I feel the bright eyes  
 Of the beautiful Annabel Lee;

And so, all the night-tide, I lie down by the side  
 Of my darling — my darling — my life and my bride,  
 In her sepulchre there by the sea,  
 In her tomb by the sounding sea.

Marking up the poem. Take notes on...

- Vocabulary
- Summarize lines or stanzas
- Label Literary devices
- Form
- Theme or main idea

"Annabel Lee" Questions

1. Based on either the poem itself or prior knowledge, who is the assumed speaker?

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2. What line addresses the young ages of the speaker and his love?

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3. What is the setting?

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4. What lines inform the reader of Annabel's death?

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5. According to the speaker, what forces made Annabel die and why?

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6. What is a synonym for "tomb" or "crypt" found in the poem?

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7. The speaker states that his and Annabel's love is stronger than what two groups of people?

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8. Where does the speaker spend most of his time after the death of Annabel?

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9. The speaker will always be reminded of his love. What lines support this inference?

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What other names does the speaker give Annabel Lee?

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