# LA TRISTE d'ÉMILE

## Émile Herm





## Hurl Forth I My Heart

in striding sweeps

it breaks,

it dangerous gall ah gash

from in

in

in

he makes this gold, drawn

here

then thee themselves are

air

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brute embers high

& from & in as king-

doms fall bleak,

Dear Heart

vermillion dawn

my plume, my shine

rebuffed

See!

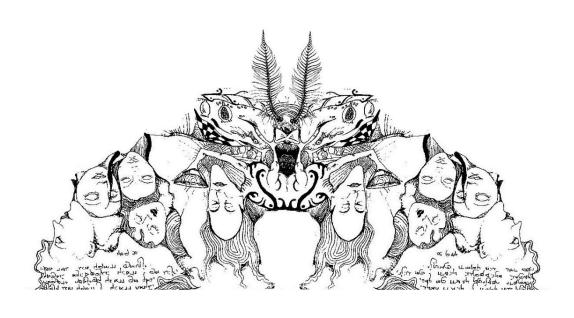
I do not possess these blushing adornments:

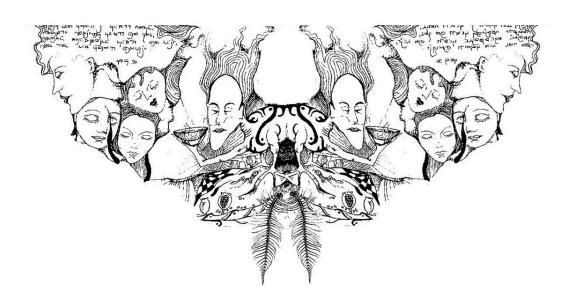
his gentleman's tail tipped bright with crimson

But do you?

We have not time to tell

how very pink the blossoms are





## A Bird Daylights Beneath a Cloak of Mists

tiny silver tongues cluster like tendrils

heavy with perfume Dark pupilled-eyes

in fulvous orange, burning & burst-

ing, lashed to my follies

my lips grown pale

with the anguish of exile -

A death-blow to decadence

A binding fold turned in on its absence

Dear Tongue

Dear Toad, my Pretty Poll,

Cock Robin

my bright-winged birds o Blessed Thing

[ The quiver of her hand as she lifts up her skirt cuts a square inch of flesh]

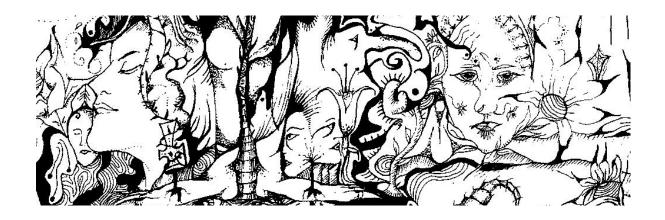
Masks of green. Velvet masks of the heads of birds with feathers of gold & peacock eyes

I carried my bird like it was a jewel

singing,

singing

Bloodied &



### Tous les Chevaliers dans la Forêt

their slender hands stretching towards each bulbous stem / parallel-

#### veined

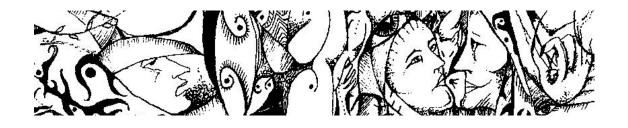
[ o handsome fellows!]

round and round another curls

ever tightening

until both rearing upwards like snakes, dripping with odours beneath the sombre eyes & mouths too cruelly undone

my long tongue forces its head under the arch
the eye follows into silence
up and down, round and round, forward and backward
enclosed in your rapacious maw



# This Morning's Pastoral Aroused perhaps by intoxication; the fragrance of sweetscented flowers, the sun mounting higher and higher I rise and turn as he pours out his ecstasy

Dearest Lip Dick-docknine red cocks, nine peacocks' eyes & scars& violence I did not confess

Having Only the Folly but not the privilege of youth having been in my sick bed my hand is caught

Let me know thee

let me know thee even as I am known

For Prodding or Pricking or Whipping or Cutting

For instruments of Pleasure

For making a Hole

her violent slit mimicked my lips

& so it was



Then kiss that image upon his mouth

Then kiss my mouth, impure with memory