

# SPARROW TREE SQUARE



Dreams



“Yes: I am a *dreamer*. For a dreamer is *one* who can only *find* his way by *moonlight*, and his *punishment* is that he sees the *dawn* before the rest of the *world*.”

– from *The Critic as Artist*  
by Oscar Wilde (1854-1900), Irish writer

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# On the Garden-wall

*Vachel Lindsay*

Oh, once I walked a garden	1
In dreams. 'Twas yellow grass.	2
And many orange-trees grew there	3
In sand as white as glass.	4
The curving, wide wall-border	5
Was marble, like the snow.	6
I walked that wall a fairy-prince	7
And, pacing quaint and slow,	8
Beside me were my pages,	9
Two giant, friendly birds.	10
Half swan they were, half peacock.	11
They spake in courtier-words.	12
Their inner wings a chariot,	13
Their outer wings for flight,	14
They lifted me from dreamland.	15
We bade those trees good-night.	16
Swiftly above the stars we rode.	17
I looked below me soon.	18
The white-walled garden I had ruled	19
Was one lone flower—the moon.	20

VACHEL LINDSAY (1879—1931) was an American poet. He referred to his poetry as “singing poetry,” reflecting its musical quality, rhythm, and the way Lindsay intended the poems to be read aloud.

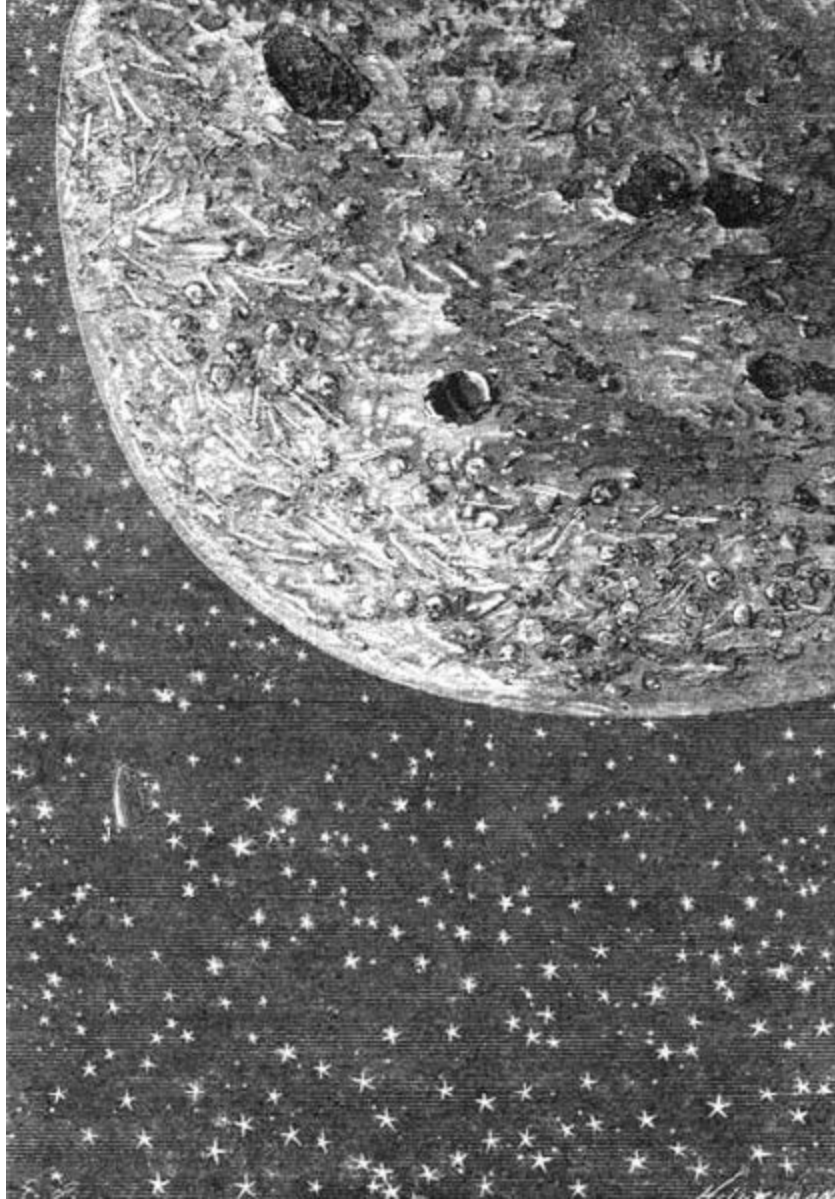


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