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REMEMBRANCE

By ROBERT E. HOWARD

Eight thousand years ago a man I slew;
I lay in wait beside a sparkling rill
There in an upland valley green and still.
The white stream gurgled where the rushes grew;
The hills were veiled in dreamy hazes blue.
He came along the trail; with savage skill
My spear leaped like a snake to make my kill—
Leaped like a striking snake and pierced him through.

And still when blue haze dreams along the sky And breezes bring the murmur of the sea, A whisper thrills me where at ease I lie Beneath the branches of some mountain tree; He comes, fog-dim, the ghost that will not die, And with accusing finger points at me.