

0:2:00

## Insomnia

Author: Carole Allen

Here's a little pool of sleep And yet another there, Indented in the pillow's rim A little death de mer. From rising consciousness, I chase The gateways to return But though I know the route is there I billow by the burn. I yearn to dive beneath the wave Of blessed numbing sleep But only thoughts of franticness Within my mind do leap. The covers twist as round I turn To seek oblivion's bliss. I'm too aware that hours are young And space awaits for this;

For minutes spent exhuming days Examining the cracks For turning over putrid stones And seeing clearly, lacks Of every nature race for dark Each underbelly bare The darkside of the soul revealed To my disgusted stare. A twisted worm of grey-blue thought A louse of spinning legs Whose carapace of sliding shell Just covers up the dregs, Of things I've done in yesterlife, Of which I cannot speak But still beneath my skull's release They scurry, squeak and shriek. For nothing done is ever lost But waits to be replayed, Both at the end of mortal time, And, when our sleep's delayed.

-----

© Carole Allen 2019