

A seated man and a girl look at a candle held by a woman. Oil painting by S. Jenner, 1871.

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The winding sheet on the Candle, and other tokens
of death. "Where superstition waves her airy wand"

See John, here's a Winding sheet on the Candle: Is it Dame
and Last night too how the dog did howl,
And a Screech Owl how did cry,
I know these Tokens are of death,
To warn perhaps you or I.
Ah, John, you see we all must die!
And soon or late 'twill be,
But in a fright I wak'd last night,
I dream'd Death fix'd on thee,
I place reliance much in dreams;
Remember once I said,
Before poor Puss fell in the well,
I dream'd the Cat was dead.
Fearing my dream may here come true,
Prepar'd you now should be,
And think of death, whilst thou hast breath,
Before he thinks of thee.
Lull'd by the vanities of life,
Our lives we still ensure,
We see death thining out our ranks,
Yet feel ourselves secure:
Thus on we dream! tho' knives there are,
To which we should attend,
But burden'd with the cares of life,
We stagger to our end.

S. Jenner 1677

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Oil painting on oak panel.

By Stephen Jenner. 1871.

Poem on the back of panel.

17.3 x 14.7 cm.

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