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- Other name for hell?

Rintrah roars and shakes his fires in the burdened air;

Hungry clouds swag on the deep.

→ weak body discarded in death

Once meek, and in a perilous path,

The just man kept his course along

The vale of death.

- The trek to hell

Roses are planted where thorns grow,

And on the barren heath

roses are pretty,
but they still have thorns.

Sing the honey bees.

honey bees are cute soft and are orange flowers,
but they still sting

Then the perilous path was planted:

And a river and a spring

perilous if river and spring
don't really go together

On every cliff and tomb;

And on the bleached bones

Red clay brought forth.

- Clay stained with blood?
Flesh?

Till the villain left the paths of ease,

To walk in perilous paths, and drive

The just man into barren climes.

The villain walks the
Easy path, but switches
to make easier to the
harder to save the just.

Now the sneaking serpent walks

In mild humility,

And the just man rages in the wilds

Where lions roam.

symbol of being sneaky
and lying

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Repetition of first line

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