

HALLUCINATIONS

“Hurry,” I thought she said,
As she glided by my bed.
Hallucination or reality?
That's what so confuses me
I see them all as plain as day
But I try to touch and they fade away
They usually appear at dead of night
Or sometimes as it's getting light
I see two types of hallucination
I treat them both with fascination
My doc says it's the medication
That's starting up my imagination.
"Do you want them to stop?" my doctor asked.
"Do the visions fill you with dread?"
"Oh no," I told him, "I think they're fun.
What else would I do at half past one?"
"What form do they take?" my doctor said
"Do they always appear when you're in bed?"
"They do," I replied, "but make no mistake.
I am in bed but always awake."
"You say you're awake but how do you know?"
"I pinch myself until I say ooh."
“What do you see then?” my physician asked.
“How do they look and how long do they last?”
“I first saw a woman walk through my room.
I thought my wife was off to the bathroom
But she came through the window and out the door.
She glided without making a sound on the floor.
I reached over to feel if my wife was in bed.
She was, so who was this woman I could see instead?”
“Did she return, this woman you saw?”
“Yes, she passed through the door
And glided to the window once more.”
“Did you know this woman?”

Did you see her face?"

"No. She dressed in black;
Her head covered in lace."

"Hmmm," went the doc.

"Tell me of these other visions.

Do they come at the same time?

Could there be a collision?"

"No the other visions are stranger than this.

Your interest I am sure will not go amiss.

I see purple patches on the wall

Of various sizes, some large, some small

On each and every purple background

Cartoon characters are scattered around

Not cartoons I recognise or can name

But cartoon drawings just the same."

The doc said, "Are they aggressive or mellow?"

"Mellow", I said, "and I forgot to say, all yellow."

"As I watch they move across the wall

Not fast, nor slow and sometimes not at all.

Could it be I see wallpaper from the past

That a previous occupant wanted to last?"

The doc said, "Im not an expert but you could be right

And the woman has come to check on her children at night."

"So, tell me doc, what should I do?

Should I let these cartoons keep passing through?"

"As long as they are benign it will be alright

But not if they are aggressive or scary at night."

"No, I look at them with fascination

Without a hint of trepidation."