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or word pattern whereby each is seen and sees itself in terms of a radically different form For any specified entity or figure to be known for what it is it must be reconfigured by and in terms of another one at another level which must then be dislocated itself In so delineating Shelley s process Hogle reveals the revisionary procedure in the poet s various texts and demonstrates the powerful effects of radical transference in Shelley s visions of human possibility **The Detached Retina** Brian W.

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Michael Vicario,2017-09-25 Scholars do not agree on how best to describe Shelley s philosophical stance His work has been variously taken to be that of a skeptic or a skeptical and subjective idealist The study presents a new interpretation of Shelley s thinking an interpretation that places intellectual system squarely within the Epicurean tradition of Lucretius casting both poets as theistic empiricists To establish Shelley as working in the Epicurean tradition this study explores Lucretius De Rerum Natura as edited translated and interpreted by two Epicurean scholars roughly contemporary with Shelley Gilbert Wakefield and John Mason Good These scholars rehabilitated Lucretius by drawing on three major seventeenth century thinkers Pierre Gassendi Ralph Cudworth and Nicholas Malebranche Like Shelley each of these thinkers rejected the reduction of philosophy to mechanical and atomistic elements a reduction which Shelley referred to as materialism or popular dualism What Shelley rejected is a clue to what he embraced a fusion of Enlightenment Rationalism with British Empiricism Such a fusion is the distinguishing mark of the work of Sir William Drummond the only contemporary philosopher that Shelley consistently praised This is the tradition within which Shelley ultimately stands one that brings into balance what is given to the mind a priori and what the mind creates Shelley's Visions of Death Andrew Lacey,2024-02-27 This

book provides the first modern in depth analysis of Percy Bysshe Shelley s engagement with the phenomenon of death It argues that for Shelley this most nebulous of realities represents first and foremost possibility Shelley s poetic writings on

death are both numerous and varied presenting his reader with differing degrees of confidence over the course of his brief but brilliant career with several key visions of what death might be or actually is Shelley's Visions of Death stresses the seldom appreciated fact that death was one of Shelley's most enduring preoccupations and also demonstrates the poet's power to imagine with startling variety that which lies beyond the boundaries of experience

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