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On the outskirts of a great city, A street of fashionable mansions well withdrawn from all the noise

and bustle;

And in the street–the only figure there–in the middle of the road, in the bitter wind –

Red-nosed thin-shawled, with ankles bare and old boots-

A woman bent and haggard, croaking a dismal song.

And the great windows stare upon her wretchedness, and stare across the road upon each other,

With big fool eyes;

But not a door is opened, not a face is seen,

Nor form of life down all the dreary street,

To certify the existence of humanity,-

Other than hers.

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