

# A Scene in London

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BOTH of them deaf and close on eighty years old --  
She stone-blind, and he nearly so--  
Side by side crouching over the fire in a little London hovel--seven  
shillings a week--  
Their joints knotted with rheumatism--their faces all day long mute  
like statues of all passing expression--(no cloud flying by, no gleam of  
sunshine there)--lips closed and silent :

But for that now and then taking his pipe out of his mouth,  
He puts his face close to her ear and yells just a word into it,  
And she nods her blind head and gives a raucous screech in answer.

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