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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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