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He comes
Down whistle-wind streets
Across streetlamp theatres
 and the stagewing obscurity between the lights
Treading the wintry space of silenced footsteps
 from office to home
Across yellow patches of other people's lampshine
 sitting outside their passing windows
He comes
 His mind standing in the front hall
 Smelling the radiator heat
 Hearing fifty childish questions
 Feeling little fists yanking his fingers,
 overcoat pockets, legs of his pants
 Seeing the glow of laughter in his wife's
 unguarded eyes

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