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We walk
on the way to work
violently stepping to some circadian rhythm
that beats unrecognized
each time our loafers touch the pavement
an uncongenital pulse that shivers imperceptibly
emanating from Hell
Maybe where the steam seeps through man-holes
or from the first and successive Wall Street tickers
No one really knows

Our gazes are steadfast and straight
not regarding anything
avoiding other's eyes at all cost

Among gray men and women in gray suits forms a gray sea
these thick currents wash out slow, crumbling cities



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