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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.