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Dropping from heights through a cloud-cover grey  
Even New York City has grass and trees,  
Though down below these are swallowed up  
In a concrete, glass,  
Neon-light farce.

Bewildered, now  
You startle-eye stare;  
Blinded,

By the rebound glare  
Of superficial gloss.

The Gulf of Inexperience  
Must surely result in personal loss.

New York will not wait for the man  
Caught in the hurried, cross-section crack  
Of anguish.

For those who falter, looking lost,  
Must learn to pay the City's cost;  
A lamb in the lair of the Dollar-Wolf.

Yet a world watches dumb,  
As She, in turn now, bows her head  
To the Wall Street Stocks.  
Liquidation looms, giant Guillotine.  
A snowball-product of Her own machine.

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