

Theme: Family

Title: Fantasies of an Orphan

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He sits motionlessly on the ice-cold pavement,  
silent with a still stare.

He hasn't a roof, nor love, nor warmth,  
lonely and longing for care.

Faces and faces pass by before his eyes,  
showing repulsion and ignorance.  
No friendly smiles, not even a wink,  
not a soul spared a glance.

He faintly recalls a motherly face:  
rosy cheeks and welcoming smiles.  
But she faded and vanished through time:  
"She's on a journey of a thousand miles"

Among the crowd a dozen children came,  
along with their mothers and fathers, merry and gay.  
He desired to be them, and wear a blissful grin,  
and hold his parents' hands all day.

The corners of his mouth bent into a beatific smile -  
his fantasy reverie warmed his heart.  
A loud shatter of broken glass awakened him from his solace  
and broke his hope and happiness apart.

As he weeps for his cruel fate and harsh reality,  
a high - heeled lady walked to the child alone.  
Rosy cheeks and welcoming smile,  
offered her hand and took him home.