

English 140-143: Poetry Writing  
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Disillusionment of Ten O'Clock  
—Wallace Stevens

The houses are haunted  
By white night-gowns.  
None are green,  
Or purple with green rings,  
Or green with yellow rings,  
Or yellow with blue rings.  
None of them are strange,  
With socks of lace  
And beaded ceintures.  
People are not going  
To dream of baboons and periwinkles.  
Only, here and there, an old sailor,  
Drunk and asleep in his boots,  
Catches tigers  
in read weather.

In a Station of the Metro  
—Ezra Pound

The apparition of these faces in the crowd;  
Petals on a wet, black bough.