

## Last Night I Saw the City Breathing

Last night I saw the city breathing  
Great gusts of people,  
Rushing in and  
Puffing out  
Of station's singing mouths.

Last night, I saw the city laughing.  
Take-aways got the giggles,  
Cinemas split their sides,  
And living rooms completely creased themselves!

Last night, I saw the city dancing.  
Shadows were cheek to cheek with brick walls,  
Trains wiggled their hips all over the place,  
And the trees  
In the breeze,  
Put on a show for an audience of windows!

Last night, I saw the city starving.  
Snaking Avenue smacked her lips  
And swallowed seven roundabouts!  
Fat office blocks got stuffed with light  
And gloated over empty parking lots.

Last night, I saw the city crying.  
Cracked windows poured falling stars  
And the streets were paved in mirrors.

Last night, I saw the city sleeping.  
Roads night-dreamed.  
Street Lamps quietly boasted,  
"When I grow up, I'm going to be a star!"  
And the wind,  
Like a cat,  
Snoozed in the nooks of roofs.

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Complete the table with examples from the poem.

Simile	A comparison of two things using 'as' or 'like'.	
Alliteration	In a line more than one word begins with the same consonant letter.	
Personification	Giving human characteristics to non-human objects.	
Repetition	When words, phrases or entire lines are repeated.	
Rhyme	Words or phrases that end or sound the same.	
Imagery	Using descriptive language (the five senses) to help paint a picture in the reader's mind.	