

Noah's Ark, NYC

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Two by two they come walking
down 7th Ave
girl with girl
boy and girl
boy and boy

two pigeons strolling
side by side
two robins
two crows walking stiffly
like two pieces of
anthracite coal

two spiders
two dogs sniffing each other
round and round as they go
two roaches
two twilit dancing rats
after playing basketball
at the courts on 6th Ave

two yellow taxicabs
two beggars side by side
admiring the way the other
gathers coins in the palm
of his hand, the roll
of dollar bills

two small half-pints of whiskey
two tall bottles of wine

two and two they all

go walking along 7th avenue
before night comes on
all heading to the gaping hole
in the side of the ark
parked at the lower end
of New York, New York

