

# 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

