Magnificient London, sad art thou, In thy dreadful visitation now. Utter destruction is thy doom! Thou art but one capacious tomb! In evil hour is come on thee, Jerusalem calamity! Thy honourable of the earth, Do hear no more the laugh of mirth; For evermore in thee is mute, 260 The bag-pipes, fiddle and the flute. Thy brothels and thy taverns now, No dancer hear or drunken row. Newgate's strong chains forbear to clank, In the dark dreary dungeons dank. The guardian Angel of Bow-street, Has taken to his wings or feet. Police, unmindful of their trust, Now let their shining buttons rust. No jolly sailor here is seen, Chanting, "Were you in Aberdeen." 270 Coal-porters now, with heavy load, Don't whip their horses, and don't goad. No more poor lads, you'll swallow down, White bread and cheese, and porter brown. Thy dandy slim and sleek fair belle, For slaves, the Southern States now sell. Thy lordly sons with white small hands, Now sink canals in foreign lands. Thy ladies drest in coarsest stuff, 280 Sell tripes, tobacco, fish and snuff; See them in Boston and New York, Cry oysters, and spruce beer uncork.

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