A Winter Holiday

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THERE is fog upon the river, there is mirk upon the town;

You can hear the groping ferries as they hoot each other down:

From the Battery to Harlem there's seven miles of slush,

Through looming granite canyons of glitter, noise, and rush.

Are you sick of phones and tickers and crazing cable gongs,

Of the theatres, the hansoms, and the breathless Broadway throngs,

Of Flouret's and the Waldorf and the chilly, drizzly Park,

When there's hardly any morning and five o'clock is dark?

I know where there's a city, whose streets are white and clean,

And sea-blue morning loiters by walls where roses lean,