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Above his harbor home each night  
Three red-eyed buzzards glide;  
Mute as autumn's moonlit dust  
On wrinkled roads they light  
To dance and sing of dwindling seas,  
Crisped by sun's indifferent might:  
"Follow in footsteps the weeping rain."

He does not spit with foolish hate,  
But gladly gives a pound or two  
Of fresh-dead flesh for each to eat;  
And turns with a smile to welcome fate.

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