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On H. P. Lovecraft's "The Festival"

You'll wander there alone? Mortal, beware.
In Kingsport's Yuletide gloam there beats
The pulse of peril Shun those sheeted streets,
Incarnate evil lurks half hidden there.
When I looked down that dreadful passage heaped
With snow, cold thoughts formed in my mind like hoar
Forming on long dead lashes. Swiftly before
My eyes chill Terror loomed--and leered--and leaped!
And Terror clutched me with his icy claw,
And beat me with bleak wings; and like a spear
Poised high his frozen beak. There quivered up
One fluted note A frosted net of fear
Enfolded me. I fell, and numbly saw
That grisly shape bend low, to sup... and sup...

Earl Singleton