



I am a dark cloud over the city
I arrived, their welcome was enthusiastic
There were dogs barking at me
The upper classes didn't change their habits

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A man in a grey coat followed me

I ran till my strength disappeared He uttered imprecations against me

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I was quiet, I was a captive on a bus I will be a witness, before leaving I'll fall asleep I'll fall asleep poisoned by a winter venom

I am a dark cloud over the city You do not face me

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