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QUESTION

Greetings, fish—greetings, fish!
Greetings! red ones, green ones, gold ones
In your crystal room, cold as the pupil
in the eyes of a corpse, shut
and empty as the city's nights,
tell me, have you heard the sound of a reed flute
coming into the brick solidity
of bedrooms, with their lullabies
of wound-up clocks and glassbeaded lights,
out of the land of the genies
called loneliness and fear

And as it comes
tinsel stars dropping from heaven to earth
carefree little hearts
crumbling in tears

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