# **Year Five Reading Lesson Resource**

# **Last Night, I Saw the City Breathing**



Last night, I saw the City breathing

Great Gusts of people,

Rushing in and

Puffing out

Of Station’s singing mouths

Last night, I saw the City laughing,

Take-Away got the giggles,

Cinemas split their sides,

And Living Rooms creased themselves!

Last night, I saw the City dancing.

Shadows were cheek to cheek with brick walls,

Trains wiggled their hips all over the place,

And the trees

in the breeze,

Put on a show for an audience of windows!

Last night, I saw the city starving,

Snaking Avenue smacked her lips

And swallowed seven roundabouts!

Fat office blocks got stuffed with light

And gloated over empty parking lots.

Last night, I saw the City crying.

Cracked windows poured falling stars

And the streets were paved with mirrors.

Last night, I saw the City sleeping

Roads night-dreamed,

Street Lamps quietly boasted,

*‘When I grow up, I’m going to be a star!’*

And the Wind,

Like a cat,

Snoozed in the nooks of roofs.

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