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PEARL S. BUCK ON A WINTER MORNING

A frosty afghan  
around my shoulders,  
I creak Chinese-lady steps,  
running from the flood,  
to the warm shelter of  
coffee-kitchen,  
wondering if the grey newspaper  
is worth it.

“TEACH”

Like the Salvation Army,  
I fill beggars'  
hunger  
with bowls of  
real-world soup,  
ladling chunks of  
hidden vegetable meaning  
into pink and blue plastic containers.

With the seven o'clock mist  
of sunrise revelation'  
in their eyes  
they will stand in line  
for seconds  
and thirds.