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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.