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## THE THEATER

Behind a curtain a cold moan  
quietly passed

Did the sound really come from behind the curtain?  
On such a dark night who can tell?

Outside  
a loud scream pierces the silent night.

Probably  
there is some foolish prank somewhere in our midst.

In one quick breath I  
stagger to the earth.

No one hears a sound.

--Gary Jones