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Once I hated this city. Now it can't get me down. Slushy, humid, and gritty, What a pretty town!

What, thought I, could be duller, More depressing, less gay? Now my favourite colour is grey!

A wall of rain as it turns to sleet,
The lack of sun on a one-way street;
I love the grime all the time,
And what more do I need?

My window pane has a lovely view:
An inch of sky and a fly or two.
Why, I can see half a tree,
And what more do I need?

The dusk is thick and it's galling,
It simply can't be excused.
In winter even the falling snow looks used.

My window pane may not give much light, But I see you, so the view is bright. If I can love you, I'll pay the dirt no heed! With your love, what more do I need? Someone's shouting for quiet, Someone's starting a brawl. Down the block there's a riot, And I'll buy it all!

Listen now, I'm ecstatic. Hold me close and be still. Hear the lovely pneumatic drill!

A subway train thunders through the Bronx,
A taxi horn on the corner honks,
But I adore ev'ry roar,
And what more do I need?

I hear a crane making street repairs, A two-ton child running wild upstairs. Steam pipes bang, sirens clang, And what more do I need?

The neighbors yell in the summer,
The landlord yells in the fall,
So loud I can't hear the plumber pound the wall!

An aeroplane roars across the bay, But I can hear you as clear as day. You said you love me above the sound and speed!

With your love, what more do I need?