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*Faceless beings with muffled voices
stare at me through dark sunken sockets
full of fear and fright.*

*Muzzled and mugged,
choked and tugged;
I see them
here
there
and everywhere!
From dawn to dusk,
from dusk to dawn;
on the streets, in the trains,
on the beach and in the parks!*

*I know not
who they are!
Friends or foes?
Neighbours or strangers?
Ghosts or living dead?
These faceless beings!*

*Yet not all is lost!
One single uneffaced face
fills me with boundless joy!
One single smile on a bare face
makes my day!*

*One single unmuffled “hello”
is a ray of hope!*

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