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## GARBAGE

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Holding on to the frayed corner  
of her *dupatta*, with steady penguin steps  
behind her, he spoke—out of concern,  
picking up the from the morning street  
a carelessly muffled empty  
green packet of chips :  
“Mummy, you dropped *your* garbage”.

I hurriedly emptied  
my garbage into her white ballooning sack.

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