## Goodnight

Now it's coming to the end of the evening The time when the ceiling sways and objects jerk out of place Your eyelids heavy, you make your way down the yellow streets p ast rows and rows of houses Curtains drawn tight against the cold night air To a flight of stairs which lead to a room where a bed is waiti ng for you to lie down Perhaps alone, perhaps not and go to sleep again They wait alone in unused rooms They sit and they remember Oh, please remember So you lie on your back in the dark and listen to the blood rus hing in your ears And the soft "tick, tick, tick" of your watch against the mattr ess springs Patterns merge behind your eyes Purple and green, glwoing gently and all is soft with furry dar kness You yawn once turn on your side and fall to sleep again They wait alone, they bathed your eyes when nights were cold Remember Oh, please remember There's something you've forgotten When you awoke later that night the bedroom was cold and you we re alone Alone and afraid of the dark Watching Waiting Watching Waiting As you lie on your back naked beneath the cold sheets Not dead, just sleeping Sleeping And you will never wake again.