

# A CHILD SPEAKS

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A child said Hey! to me today  
From an advancing stroller.  
I tried but could not hide  
My eyes' dark-circled dolor.

And my Hello there failed to match  
The sweetness of his tone.  
He knew, and eyed me quizzically  
As I walked on alone.

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