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I was woken by the strangest sound,
Quiet at first, but getting louder…
The tramp, tramp, tramp of marching feet,
Louder and louder, down our street!
I peeped round the curtain
And in the evening light
Saw coming round the corner
The most amazing sight.
Every kind of animal
From all around the world –

All coming down our street!



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And reindeer, two by two.

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