

The New Year's ball descends,  
While a million bits  
Of white and colored confetti,  
Tossed from roofs of skyscrapers,  
Tumble helter-skelter, pell-mell,  
Prancing madly in mid-air  
Like comic clowns,  
A riot of aerial acrobats  
Performing Olympian stunts.

Above the maze—  
Black silence.