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With a ragged diamond  
of shattered plate-glass  
a young man and his girl  
are falling backwards into a shop-window.  
The young man's face  
is bristling with fragments of glass  
and the girl's leg has caught  
on the broken window  
and spurts arterial blood  
over her wet-look white coat.  
Their arms are starfished out  
braced for impact,  
their faces show surprise, shock,  
and the beginning of pain.  
The two youths who have pushed them  
are about to complete the operation  
reaching into the window  
to loot what they can smartly.  
Their faces show no expression.  
It is a sharp clear night  
in Sauchiehall Street.  
In the background two drivers  
keep their eyes on the road.

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