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By night the beggar dresses up,
Discarding his ragged clothes and his alms bowl.
He puts on a snazzy suit and black dancing
shoes.

His partner and he enter the room
And every sound falls away.
The lights dim,
But the duo remains on the darkened floor.

Then, all of a sudden
A beam of light bursts into the air
And illuminates the dazzling pair.

They begin to grace the dance floor.
He leads the butterfly in his soft, gentle hands.
At times, she gracefully spins round on his
delicate fingers.
At others, she collapses into his arms.

At night, when the tango light dims,
He returns his elegant suit to the rental shop
And awaits the life he chose to lead:
As a beggar living in the streets.