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Ch-6 An old woman

Write a summary of the poem.

Ans) An old beggar woman catches and hold of the sleeve of the speaker and insists on getting a fifty paisa coin in alms. She tags along with him and promises that she will take him to the horseshoe temple. If he tells her that he has already seen the temple, she hobbles along with him and catches hold of his shirt tightly and again insists on getting a fifty paisa coin. She will not let him go. Like all other old women, she, too, sticks to him like a burr (prickly seed case of plants which stick to clothes). He turns around and want to get rid of her. In order to end this useless activity, he tells her firmly to leave him. When she remarks, "What else can an old woman do"

On hills as wretched as these."
He looks right at the sky in contemplation. As he looks on here, he finds that the cracks that began around her eyes have spread beyond her skin. The decay of the old woman has spread to the hills and the temple, and in her lives. The old woman stands there alone. And he is reduced to the small change in her hand)