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By WITTER BYNNER

A long, lean fellow lives nearby
Whom I like as well as most,
But there's a distance in his eye
As distant as a ghost.

He waves his hand in the morning light,
I wave mine back to him,
And then his figure, which was bright,
Grows dim.

And though I clearly hear repeat
The sound of his footfall,
There's only, moving down the street,
A shadow on a wall.