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Little old gnomes with faces grim
Labour and toil on the western rim
Of day.

The furnaces roar and the sledges bang,
The bellows are blown and the anvils clang
Away.

The tongues of fire leap higher and higher
They climb the hills in hot desire;
Licking the clouds a'hanging nigh,
Scorching and singing the flame-lit sky
Till it burns
And turns
Ash-gray!