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**“We Live in a Tenement”**

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And the room is small

And there’s many people here, 10 in all

There’s no window here

This place smells like someone’s rear

There is no heat

And my family can’t afford shoes for my feet

This apartment is shoddy

I gotta go to the alley to go potty

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There’s no escape from fire

If a fire broke out the death rate would get higher

The diseases spread

Typhus and cholera are what I dread

It’s not safe in the slum

There are thieves waiting to use my head like a drum

It’s crowded in the street

For the immigrants and poor, this ain’t no treat

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The streets are filled with trash

I gotta tip toe through each garbage stash

The factories move in

They’re gonna force us out, me and my kin

The rent is too high

With my low paying job, I can’t get by

This is where I be

Surrounded by poverty and misery

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List five of the terrible conditions that were found in tenements.

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