

# Papirosn

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*♩=85 freely*

A kal-te nakht, a ne-bl-di-ke fin-ster u-ne-tum Sheyt a yin-ge-le far-troi-ert  
un kuht, zikh a-rum Fun re-gn shtist im hor a vant, A ko-shi-kl trogt er in hant Un zai-ne oy-gn be-tn ye-dn  
shtum: "Ikh hob shoyrn nit keyn ko-yekh mer A-rum-stu geyn in gas, Hun-ge-rik un op-ge-ri-sn,  
fu-nem re-gn nas, Ikh shllep a-rum zikh fun ba-gi-nen, Key-ner git nit tsu far-di-nen, A-le la-khn, ma-khn fun mir  
shpas." Ku-pit-ye, koyfit zhe, koyft zhe pa-pi-ro-sn, Tru-ke-ne, fun re-gn nit far-  
go-sn, Koyft zhe, bi-lik be-ne-mo-nes, Koyft un hot af mir rakh-mo-nes, Ra-te-vet fun hun-ger mikh a-  
tsind. Ku-pit-ye, koyfit zhe, shve-be-lech an-ti-kn, Der-mit vet ir a yo-se-ml der-  
kvi-kn, Um-zist mayn shray-en un mayn loy-fin, Key-ner vil bay mir nit koy-fn, Oys-geyn vel ikh mu-zn vi a  
hunt."

Papirosn (cigarettes)  
An orphaned cigarette peddler, freezing on a street corner.