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A farmer late at night left the tavern to go home Then he saw the people of the night and heard them praying out loud curiously from behind a corner in order to see the ritual Soon the procession moved ahead and as they passed where he was before But because he knew that it's not good to come upon the group o f ghosts he fled behind a house and stretched his head They prayed only quietly and disappeared behind the next road c urve Only when in bed he recalled who had walked last in the line The old woman who lived in the house in front of which he had s een the worshippers When the farmer awoke in the morning his head was so swollen th at he could not show himself among the people The old lady however died four days later of a stroke