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It is a two-lane street.

A man walks across,
Pulling behind him a dog on a leash.
A woman follows, tugging with her
A girl with braces.

In the middle of the street,
The man and the dog stop.
Cars speed past on both sides.
The woman stops too,
Looking confused.
The girl puckers her mouth
And starts to weep.

From the other side of the street,
An elderly couple steps down
And begins to cross.

They stop in the middle.

And so,
A man with a dog,
A woman with a child,
An old couple,
Are seen in the middle
Of the street.

People look at them,
Smile,
And think
They are a wonderful family
On a holiday.