

who feels kinship with the shadows of dogs crossing
in the night

The Coat

The bum finds a piece of cheese and bread on his daily rambles in the alleys and he also finds some book on philosophy in some trash can and he picks it up and carries it with him. The book in the trash can symbolizes that man has thrown away the essentials of life. This book could be the bible. It is part of the accoutrements that are found in the coat.

He is afraid to leave his dark alley
jungle. He is afraid to venture to the outside
world. He would rather die than do that.