Luka Bloom "No Matter Where You Go, There You Are"

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I'll sing to you of a carpenter, a Muslim man He was forced to join an army, he chose to leave his land

He was born in Northern Africa, with the desert all around

He loved his innocent childhood in the bosom of a desert town

Mohamed left Algeria, his family and his friends Knowing he would never see his loved ones ever again

You must go, follow your star
No matter where you go, there you are
No matter where you go, there are you
So don't let go of what you know to be true

Mohamed went to Amsterdam, to Paris and to Rome Nowhere in these cities did Mohamed feel at home He'd walk the streets into the night, thrown-out wood to find

Making wooden boxes occupied his mind Little wooden boxes in a line on Mohamed's stand Bringing food and shelter to a Muslim man

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One summer's day in Paris, he heard a haunting sound Of a lonesome Irish fiddle, he let his tools fall down Looking up he could not see the man, whose music filled this place

But he knew his heart was breaking, and the tears rolled down his face

Mohamed walked until he saw the man, with a fiddle to his chin

He stood and let the music glow, underneath his skin He felt longing for Algeria, and loving for this song How the music of a stranger helps the dreamer move along

The carpenter and the fiddler became the best of friends

And Mohamed lives in Galway, where the music never ends

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By the Claddagh in the evening, you might see this southern man

Selling boxes, toys and fiddles, made with Muslim hand

Don't you feel no pity, nor think he is alone For the music in his spirit, is his shelter and his home Mohamed's fire ignited with the ancient jigs and reels He sometimes chants in Arabic across the Galway fields

His prayers go to Moher, out to the Atlantic sea And echo to Algeria to the land he had to flee

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No matter where you go, there are you
So don't let go of what you know to be true

There's a woman in Algeria, she looks across the sand And hears a loved one's prayer from the distant land...

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