

## Fiery Furnaces, The "Straight Street"

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Tea time at Damascus computer cafe,  
I'm looking busy and staring off the other way  
Leverkusen, Juventus; Leeds vs. Valencia  
I'm over-hearing all their nonsense in extensia

They're talking too tough for me to inspect  
So I have a smell who seems the best to connect  
I pick my clique and set to go to work  
But the only thing they care about is to whom to play  
the Turk

So I walked up the length  
Of the street they call Straight  
Cursing myself  
'Cause I got there too late

I traded an expired credit card for two cupfulls of water  
They had a dirty beany baby so for good luck I bought  
her  
I rented a Hyundai with two flats and no windshield  
No speedometer and a handbrake that squealed

When the sun came up I couldn't put down the visor  
So I put on my hat and a question to my local advisor  
Whose trucks are those that parked up by the town  
But he only would mumble with his eyes pointed down

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My boss the head of sales for Western Asia  
Said you'll get fired if your opposite from Nokia plays  
ya  
If he beats you for the battle of hearts and minds  
Tells 'em we use pig by-products in our designs

So when I saw my rival's smile didn't get diminished  
No one had to tell me I knew that we were Finnished  
You boys from Ericsson better get in the back seat

'Cause your phones are getting stoned over on that  
straight street

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So I went to Georgia looking at spas and convents  
Tried to make myself the broker for selling off the  
contents.  
At the big change clinic my friends said don't be a  
cynic  
You should work in Baku this is watcha gotta do.

Call a contact in Texas talk to 'em in their Lexus  
On their hands-free device and don't be too nice.  
But in my teleconference with Houston  
They told me I wasn't any use to 'em.

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