

The Fiery Furnaces

"Automatic Husband"

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Thanks for asking
Yes it's true, we've been waiting for you
We've been waiting for you
Persuade your husband he should stay
At our disposal for today
And take down everything we say
About the new school bus assistant snuck in change
Of leaving seven sleeping children in their seats,
In a trance, induced by air-conditioning

So I went back up to our room
And told my husband to sit down on the end-table
And that he was getting very sleepy
And when his eyes went out I put the pen back in his
Left hand

At phases 8 and 31 the Four Faculties are done,
The Principles are some.
The solar period, if you look,

Is like the bishop in the brook,
So it says in this book
Writ by the new school bus assistant snuck in change
Of leaving seven sleeping children in their seats,
In a trance, induced by air-conditioning

And don't forget the imaginary map
Of the Manifestations of Murker-Making
Owned by the undertaker's office
(Otherwise known as the Cadaverous Cosmeticians)
Local number dead-as-a-doornail in a church mouse's
Chin

Or so said the birth-chart I sent away to New Mexico
For
It was made by a special commission of Navajo
Basketball coaches and blonde ladies

