

The Fiery Furnaces

"Wicker Whatnots"

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She said she was sick of her porch pillars and golden axletrees and silver snuffers and all that sort of thing,

'cause out of the corner of her eye she saw one cherub ten cubits high.

You can immolate all those oxen, you can sacrifice so many sheep.

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You can be surrounded by your four hundred pomegranates and your bright brass shovels, but you still can't

hardly sleep,

when out of the corner of your eye you see one cherub ten cubits high.

How do you arrange a room around a baby grand piano?

In the Arabian-tented library guest room;

In the two-tabled dining room art gallery.

And here's one for your party room:

An emergency cigarette behind glass.

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On a sliding stack rack

Hangs the Calcutta necklace.

And the unique stone rubbings

I can decorate with giant jacks:

With wicker whatnots.

With wicker whatnots,

In prettier prints with masses of chintz

And candy box fabrics.

Or the "True Meaning of a Name"

With poem in a frame.

Where blue means fair;

Pink, rain;

Purple, variable conditions.

Give me mirror magic in the maxi mood

And I'll throw away my Hollywood chin band.

Ulyana, Phoebe, and Alan knew to say,

"We're here for Lucy's Birthday in the Rivoli Bar area lounge," but were worried they might be late.

Then Lucy messaged, "My PA Ms. Gill will kindly deal with your queries between 6:30 and 8,

unless out of the corner of your eye you see one cherub ten cubits high."

You might say your 3000 proverbs and you might sing your 1000 and 5 songs.

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You might have your house in the forest with 2000 baths and your temple in the town with Titanium tongs,

but you didn't design them so out of the corner of your eye you see a cherub ten cubits high?

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when Gharzi, Ovi, Roger, and Rachel presented her with something that just sent her to heaven:

one cherub ten cubits high that she could see out of the corner of her eye.

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