

A Bridge in Cairo

A Life-snippet

a dad and daughter
houseguests of taxi-man's aunt
toured sights by day

small home packed nightly
curious neighbors dropped in
check out foreigners

young ones shared card games
Su's teen-girl celebrity
American myth

practicing English
"to where you go tomorrow?"
"Israel, by bus"

Ahmed's cautious smile
bridged the fraught chasm between us
"we like Palestine"

Setting: Cairo, Egypt, 1992



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