

Papa Smurf
A Life-snippet

my five young charges
Lima, Nazca, Cuzco by
intercity bus

hablo español
¿cuánto cuesta boleto?
¿hay baño cerca?

guiding my small flock
through colorful *mercados*
on cobblestone streets

I'm called "Papa Smurf"
proud title for this old dad
swells my loving heart

back home, I received
this memorial statue
my prized possession

Setting: Peru, August 1995



Photo: My daughter's gift has graced my desk since 1995

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