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To People from Sarajevo

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(a greeting)

Twenty years before the first multiparty elections as I watched the sweltering road along the seacoast get rolled up on the wheels like spaghetti next to my father's sweaty shoulder I was taking lessons in life I wondered why he (for no obvious reason) was honking now and then to the approaching cars and why they honked to us without any reason, either We're greeting each other he said They're from Sarajevo too I was satisfied with the explanation and often reminded him to greet a passing hometown license plate I wish I could travel again along a sweltering road somewhere anywhere it doesn't really matter after all and honk in passing to people from Sarajevo people from Sarajevo Trying to explain to someone who really really wants to listen wants to hear why I keep on blowing my horn.

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