

# Downtown Bazaar

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Under curved marble arches  
Through crowds in hajibs  
A whirl of sound and colour  
Sun shining on marble pillars underneath

One nearby man  
Wearing a black turban  
Black haired  
With black beard

Sitting under a marble arch  
Sells spices and bread

*'Isma-li, ajnabi!'*  
*'Persian carpets on offer!'*  
*'La shukran, asif.'*  
I walk through

Noise and light  
The market never moves



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