

## Borneo

## The Fiery Furnaces

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I was so bored with my old life  
I was so bored with decent odds

My new roommate left her debit card  
Some sort of test for me. It's too hard  
Try to run an errand. Nervous sweat  
I rush back home and if i win i'll give her half  
I bet  
Online casino in the caymans  
Legal disclaimer writ for layman's

I moved back into new canaan  
Babysit my sister's kids; its rainin'  
They fuss a bit while i put them to bed  
And grumpy, sitting on the couch, i get it in my head  
Take metro north. A silver candlestick  
To aquaduct on lirr. Pick

I was so bored with my new life  
I felt like i knew all the odds

I bet 'gainst myself i wouldn't wager  
My boyfriend's mother's mansion (nothing major)  
I stole the deed one night when she was drunk  
I drove onto the reservation with it in my trunk  
Sensors beep the threshold when i crossed it  
Thirty thousand marker soon i lost it

Baltimore inner harbor (sports) zone  
Being courted. He's talking on his cell phone  
"let me tell you why i think i love her  
She knows you always take the bye week dome home team to cover."  
Go up to pimlico and i choose  
It's no fun if it's fine when you lose

I was so tired with all the angles  
I was so bored with losin' easy

So i gambled on going further a-field  
So i flew to sydney and then to bali and then to jakarta  
And called on my step-father's ex-business partner  
Major timmy sastrosatomo  
And he set me up as a silver smith/batik dabber  
In a house once owned by the princes of mataran.  
And he told me all his troubles

We bribed a cfo at semen cibinong  
To get them to buy a 40% stake  
And we got a 5 million dollar order from nieman marcus,  
Which we filled about 10%  
But i did sell them my children's book  
Which i said was a south sumatran  
Folk tale--which went like this:

I played cards for seven days straight,  
Was up \$47 dollars late

Evening as the sun went down i saw  
The ace of diamonds up his sleeve--black velvet on his paw.  
I fold, say goodbye politely.  
They bark, you don't get off that lightly

I dreamed of a casino way up in the hills of borneo  
Where i lost with the giant flying squirrels and orangutans and great  
Morman butterflies all day long.  
'Til the bulldozers turned us into whole fruit fruit bar sticks and  
China markers