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What More Do I Want?

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I've seen the flaming cliffs of Turfan
Explored the Buddhist grottos of Magou
Traveled the Silk Road from Kashgar to Dunhuang
And traded trinkets with nomads of the Takla Makan.

I've climbed the frozen slopes of Nanga Parbat
Gathered wild strawberries in the high meadows of Lalazar
Sipped tea with monks on the road from Leh to Srinagar
And haggled for silks in the Rawalpindi bazaar.

So, what more do I want you ask?
I'd trade all my travelers' tales
For one brief meaningful
Conversation with my 19-year-old son.