

“Local Business”

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up ahead is the market we passed
through before and now again return
with the memory of warm flat bread inviting –

the convoy to pass through the
market up ahead – now silent after
cooking something other than warm flat bread

the shops are closed up ahead
in the market known for its flat bread
the streets are clear – inviting us to pass

through the market with
memories of its warm flat bread
now silent – alerting to something

cooking off up ahead –
for they, too, knew we would return
and not just for warm bread