MU'IN BESSEISSO

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TRAFFIC LIGHTS

Red light

Stop

Green light

Go

Red light

Green light

Red light

Green light

Stop

Stop

Go

Go

Red light

Red light

Where's the green light

A pregnant woman in a car

Gives birth in a car

The boy grows up

Falls in love

And gets married in a car

Has children

And reads magazines and newspapers

In a car

They round him up

And put him in the boot of a car

They draft him and he dies a martyr

Behind the windscreen of a car

They bury him under the wheels of a car

And the car is still in the street

Waiting for the green light

Red light

Stop

Green light

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Red light Green light

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