Loose wires

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I was driving up from the south Following a truck My battery was running out And I'd found him by good luck And the sun had gone down long ago On a cold December day The stars up there were all aglow But they couldn't light my way

I'd found out by word of mouth That I was still alive Been in serious doubt As to whether I'd survived But my boot was on the accelerator And my hands were on the wheel And my brain was an incinerator Burning everything unreal

The cops had pulled me over In the twilight near Bordeaux They took apart everything I had Before they let me go How they reminded me of you And the technique you employ When gathering information new Which later you deploy

It was cold and getting colder Jack had snapped his fingers south There was snow in Barcelona And their fuel was running out Everything that could freeze was frozen Water air but not our hearts And with kindness I kept going I can't stop once I start

Then somewhere in the night Just shy of the coast Like some nameless parasite I had to leave my host And as his red lights left me My game no game to him I said a thank you silently And someone plugged A loose wire in

Looking back from here I realise What one loose wire can do And in the past I'd theorize I've pulled out quite a few But there's no use in blaming That will get me no where It's better to quit complaining And walk away from there