

We're all too busy

I decided one relaxed sunny afternoon
To go to my local pub
To watch my favourite football team
Play away at another club

I got in to the pub just before kick off
It was then I began to worry
They didn't seem able to find the right match
They would certainly have to hurry

It seemed that the channel they were trying
Which was part of Arab t.v.
Was showing every Premier League game that day
All could be seen for free

So we ended up going round the grounds
As if it was already half-time
Finding the right match just as they kicked off
We were only just in time

I began to reflect on how many people
In many an Arab country
We're watching the Premier League that day
Just like my friends and me

I imagined a time in the future
When this common interest might save the day
Whether my team are playing at home or
If they are playing away



When the leaders in East and West decide
There is a clash of civilisations
And that we should all be called up to war
In defence of our nations

But across the West and the Arab lands too
Young men refuse to answer the call
"We're all too busy" they defiantly say
We're all watching the football

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