

# CHICAGO, 6:49 A.M.

Isaac Hughes

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O'Hare, Hertz shuttle #15,  
16 oz drip coffee steaming and smoking like a torch,  
Fuzzy sunlight splits through the foreign air,  
Fever jazz skipping and sliding through tin box speakers,  
Outside, metal statues in a soiled grey,  
Gargoyles sitting on perches,  
Swallowing soot and smiling anyway.

Downtown backdropped in black,  
Standing in a gregorian gaze,  
The city founded upon big shoulders  
Shoulders through another day.



MARKET RE-EXPOSED | Julian White-Davis