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What the hell happened? You are the one with the looks; you are the one with charisma. More importantly, you are the one with money. You had this nomination in the bag. So the polls showed that some psycho conservative Republicans wouldn't vote for a Mormon. Big deal! They were the minority. You were actually enjoying a fairly good place in the polls. For months you were right behind Giuliani, "hero mayor of New York." But then Rudy decided not to campaign in the little states, and you were polling ahead in Iowa and New Hampshire. Take the first two states, build your momentum. That was the plan. McCain, who would have been the front-runner two years ago, was tanking. His campaign was strapped for funds; he was borrowing money to stay in the race; he had to fire his campaign manager after his poll numbers started dropping; everything was in disarray. Let's face it; his ship was taking on water. And there you were – movie-star good looks, the experience in running successful businesses, governor of Massachusetts...you had it all.

So what happened? First the evangelical nut job Huckabee takes Iowa, leaving you in second place. Then McCain makes like the comeback kid and takes New Hampshire! You had to settle for second place in your own backyard. The second in South Carolina...you just couldn't win a state. Next thing you know, you're calculating potential delegates and figuring when you'll be mathematically eliminated. This was *not* how the story was supposed to turn out.

ZZZZZZTTTT! POP! Sizzle! Crack! Oh, what now? The machines that count the votes have gone haywire! Seems like a hacker finally was able to tweak the machines, proving that tampering was not only possible, but likely. And by infecting them with a virus that destroyed the motherboard, all the results are wiped out. Gone. Vanished. So did you really come in second, or did you win? Hmmmmm...It's already September and everything about the election is in shambles. How can the nation restore the people's confidence in a fair and free election so close to November?

A new election, with all the candidates back in the race! Yes, everyone is back in play. All the Republican and Democrat primary aspirants will be on one big ballot in November. The voters can choose whomever they like out of all possible contenders. Your political career is not over – it's only just begun. Now you need to go forward and start collecting votes, so you'll have the states you need in the Electoral College to win the election!

1. Now with the voting machine lunacy  
You have a unique opportunity  
To grab the votes you missed the first time  
But getting more votes will be a tough climb  
Luckily your faith is your crutch  
That you can use in a clutch  
Some think your Mormonism is an impediment

With hard-core Christians considering it a detriment  
But you'd never give up your latter day saints  
No matter how often you hear complaints  
Their emphasis on family really works for you  
(Especially when "values voters" will ensue)  
Be conservative now as on IV you go  
Then the LA freeway south – don't be slow  
Continue a short ways still XC is in view  
Toward the rising sun and Spokane you pursue  
To get to CXLVIII SE, take 11B  
Right away your destination you will see  
Another conservative turn on XXVIII  
Then you'll need to go on through the gate  
A mother with her three children gives your spirits a lift  
Especially when she reveals her special gift

2. You knew that state would be easy to get  
So don't start celebrating quite yet  
To win, there's much more work to be done  
You'll need to head toward the setting sun  
To carry on with this electoral game  
You'll need to head back the way you came  
XC west might take some access  
Watch carefully for those overpasses  
Back to the CDV you must quickly drive  
And head toward the igloos to stay alive  
Quite soon the DXX appears within view  
Steer toward the ocean and bid Bellevue adieu  
You're soon across the water if you hurry  
Luckily about finances you needn't worry  
In private business a fortune you've amassed  
Now even with fundraising you can't be surpassed  
Your vault is practically overflowing  
So to your next state you should be going

## LITTLE CLUES

*(found at Mormon Temple, leads to Museum and vault)*

2. Oceanward you head on DXX  
Deter**m**ination? You have plenty  
At DXIII you**u** head north a short bit  
Before UWA this road you quit  
Follow the sign**s**, they will help you park  
Once at your destination, you'll dis**e**mbark  
Inside there is **m**uch you could learn  
But **m**ost of the history you will spurn  
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*(found at Musuem of History and Industry, leads to ...)*

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