

The Charactress  
and The Writing Caruso – Present –

SAN FRANCISCO  
A  
FEW  
PLACES  
SEEN

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## THE WRITING CARUSO

Enrico Caruso  
a friend of mine  
Italy's finest  
of musical sound  
we are of same soil  
different alike  
each resides in time  
yet goes beyond.

## CARUSO IL SCRITTORE

Enrico Caruso  
uno amico mio  
elegante d' Italia  
de suono musica  
semo della medesima terra  
differente—medsime  
risedere en tempo  
nulladimeno va lontano.

Translated in The Italian by  
Mary Geneva Caruso

## THE CARUSO SONG

A song sung  
expression of the Soul  
as "cleer" as ever  
reaching across  
breaking through  
an "emotionated" touch  
expression-expressed  
and re-expressed  
a given gift  
the last  
uttered  
breath.

## THE COMPOSER

I feel with my heart  
a resonant ground  
so music I write  
as I see the sound.

Expressive forms  
of inner dimensions  
transcending boundaries  
of outer time.

## MUSICAL MONTAGE

Integral  
play  
one  
is  
the  
other  
and  
the  
music  
goes  
on.

## A NEW NOTE

Relative motion melodic sound  
one remains in place  
while the other moves  
away from back to one begins another.

Hesitation-drag hit a half-beat  
*Inbetween* a new note given  
change does not create  
time creates the change.



## MUSIC

When words spell themselves  
according to their flow  
striking tones of truth  
movement from tone to note  
turned inside out  
given birth.

## MEANING WARP

Riding the high wave  
keep on moving  
as the force is too much to stand  
cross that boundary  
an existential shift.

Each wave follows  
arises spontaneously  
gathers and spends itself  
in the natural flow  
flowing to the ebb  
being pulled back into what arises.

## ODE TO THE VIOLIN

A treble voice  
voicing voiced inflection  
tuned in fifths  
extends three octaves  
wood and strings  
sound uttered through  
origin not certain  
Italians play notes  
first Baltazarini  
brothers Amati and Stradivarus  
a finer tone  
distinguished violinists  
Paganini and Sivori.

Direct contradiction to  
the doctrine of progress  
attempts to improve it  
none succeed  
adapted to every kind  
of music  
the most beautiful voice  
a natural singer  
wondrous performance  
on a single string.

TOUCHED

Upon  
the  
right  
note  
animation  
begins.

## RAGGEDY ANN

Most precious heart  
live on  
live on  
live forever  
in my heart  
together love  
touching each  
little girls heart  
giving universal love  
I cry each time  
I look at you  
as you touch  
my heart  
your just a real doll.

## MONA LISA SHOWN

Face of  
a Madonna  
beauty and expression  
of delightful contemplation  
as The Mother  
shines through  
signified by  
the presence  
color and pattern  
painted.

DEBORAH DANCE

Wicked “Straking”  
deliberate sure moves  
continuous  
disciplined spontaneity  
working images  
out of interwoven  
displayed meaning.

EVER-CHANGING

I hear the night  
the foghorns blow  
the ocean roars  
the morning’s clear.

THE SAN FRANCISCO POEM

City for dreamers  
poetic thought  
ocean’s fresh feeling  
spirits abound  
the western edge  
creative space  
I will live  
no other place.

## AT-ONE

Across the sand  
beyond the surf  
over the waters  
till the horizon  
then we see  
ocean and sky  
deep within  
blue is blue.

## THE OCEAN

A continuous motion  
ebb and flow  
adventurous freedom  
you cannot see the other side.

A keen eye can see  
the subtle enchantment  
as the Sun strikes the crest of the wave  
a fiery mist appears.

## SEAGULL

Flying sideways across the sky  
effortlessly winging turn and glide  
watchful eyes keep all in sight  
what am I doing living life.

*INBETWEENNESS* Poetic

As-yet unknown  
where the poet skates  
on glassy edge  
the far side of here  
on this side of there  
a corridor of originality  
*Inbetween* the ocean and the sand  
on the edge of the world.

ODE TO THE FISHERMEN

Weathered leather  
struggle  
daily  
fresh fish  
offered  
from which  
“my” nets  
have swept in.

ODE TO THE CORAL SEA

Elegant lady very proud  
we call her Coral Sea  
Coral Sea, Coral Sea, CVA 43  
she goes away  
to return  
Coral Sea, CVA 43  
over the waters  
traveling by day into night  
Coral Sea, Coral Sea, CVA 43  
I’ve spent sometime with her  
you see  
Coral Sea, CVA 43.

## GOLDEN GATE PARK

Where mountains and ocean meet  
the last frontier  
a place to get lost  
yet find yourself.

## GOLDEN GATE GARDNERS

Caretakers  
tend nature's spirit  
to establish and maintain  
this pleasant and perfect place.

## SPRECKLES LAKE

A reflecting pond  
where people gather  
for the Sun brings new vision  
of warmth and life  
“It's almost 10:30”  
a person says  
pointing to a shadow  
cast by the Sun.

## SUTRO HEIGHTS

An outreach  
of the Golden West  
gives vision  
as far as one can see  
overlooks the Cliff House  
and Seal Rocks  
weathered many a storm  
at ocean's edge.

## THE CABLE CAR

Most famous landmark  
climbing to the stars  
grip and release  
at will  
a characteristic  
San Francisco Sound.

## VERDI

Traditional Italian  
strong expressive feelings  
“Singer’s Opera”  
celebrated son  
dramatic composer  
sparkling melody  
striking effects  
stage action characters  
“Verismo” ability to  
speak directly  
to the heart  
undiminished in time.

## THE VOICE

In Honor of  
Luciano Pavarotti

Of all tenors  
I like  
Rodolfo in  
La Boheme  
creativity it is  
you bring  
others to  
what you were given.



## ODE TO THE RESTAURANT

Cloth table-cloth  
setting found  
tasteful dining  
selective wines  
authentic care  
service being there.

## THE IMPERIAL PALACE

Selected dinners  
the palace  
of delight  
as tradition  
would have it  
this is right.

## JULIUS' CASTLE

Romantic restaurant  
on Telegraph Hill  
white linen  
flowers  
candlelit dining  
view must  
go to sea.

## THE IRON HOURSE

In Picturesque  
Maiden Lane  
intimate atmosphere  
Italian and Continental  
expertly prepared  
a stable image  
so kick up your heels.

## THE BLUE FOX

Celebrated  
favorite  
appointment  
attention  
Continental  
elegance  
International  
skill.

## THE SHADOWS

German  
explication  
displaying  
quality  
there-being  
distinctive  
style  
disclosed.

## L'ETOILE

French  
charming elegance  
atop Nob Hill  
lively  
exclusive  
magnificent  
style.

## LA MERE DUQUESNE

French  
very elegant  
the classic  
European  
thoughtful seen.

## CLIFF HOUSE

Established location  
on scenic edge  
eighteen fifty  
a historic place  
romantic appeal  
in spite of change  
all come to visit  
this enchanted space.

## ENRICO'S

The Charactress  
and The Writing Caruso's Number One

Dining al fresco  
San Francisco's sidewalk café  
late hour rendezvous  
street side intrigue  
an International scene  
old world cuisine  
after dinner brandy  
warmed by lemon scented steam  
occasional Violin entoned moments  
while unlikely matched guests  
discover life  
at table's edge.

## WASHINGTON SQUARE BAR AND GRILL

A first writer's place  
nourishment with kindred spirits  
"So! San Francisco!"  
the revolving players'  
piano seat  
legendary saloon.

## NORTH BEACH RESTAURANT

You can feel Italy  
bay leaves and garlic  
very fine food  
prepared individually  
as a play set to music  
and sung  
come to the feel and taste  
of this International place.

## MAMA'S

A family affair  
favorite  
Sunday morning breakfast  
fresh fruit  
confections  
other created  
specialities  
each and every day  
Washington Square  
with Love.

## LA TRAVIATA

Sanctuary of “The Voice”  
for Italianated Musica Parlante  
warmth and verve  
a restaurant for that one special night  
Verdi’s inspiration alive in a native son  
Pavarotti’s San Francisco choice.

Across the room their portraits hang  
each diner embraced  
in operatic theme  
sights, sounds and smells  
Prosto!

## VENETO’S

Authentic Grotto  
friendly warm  
gracious dining  
intimate surround  
displayed collection  
very fine dolls  
floating gondola  
operatic tone.

## RISTORANTE ORSI

Northern Italian  
cuisine  
unsurpassed  
cannelloni  
delectable  
splendor  
first choice  
gourmet’s delight.

## VINCE'S

Pizza House  
olive oil a speciality  
authentic Italian style  
beer/wine  
Italian dishes  
open late hours  
eat here  
or go.

## GOLD MIRROR

Image image  
what will appear?  
your being there  
will bring  
an Italian dinner  
wine  
a fine time  
you have to see.

## THE BUENA VISTA

San Francisco's famous bar/restaurant  
most frequented corner café  
Beach and Hyde  
hillbottom changeover  
Cable Car turnaround  
spectacular wharfside vision  
Golden Gate Bay scene surround  
shoppers, lovers and locals  
stream in like waves  
one after the other  
only to find  
kindred spirits come alive.

## USS EAGAL CAFÉ

Waterfront landmark  
of old San Francisco  
Rom'en Aquila  
old timers' haunt  
history sustained  
and nourished every day  
a keen eye can see  
this is the place to be.

## FISHERMAN'S GROTTO NO. 9

Long-time  
standby  
fresh daily  
fish  
the Wharf  
at best.

## THE BEN JONSON

In the Cannery  
special rooms  
from  
William Randolph Hearst's Estate  
the poet's  
veritable words  
"Ay all choice"  
"Bread, wine acates, fowl, feather, fish or fin."

## PERRY'S

On Union street  
in Cow Hollow  
a New York life bar filled  
with San Francisco skill  
esconded setting  
prestigious place  
waiter-service  
a tradition  
meet the favored competitors  
of the annual street fair  
waiters race  
breakfast, lunch, dinner  
or weekend brunch  
the local in-spot  
memorable events  
preserved by  
once familiar  
sign covered walls.

## THE DELI

Victorian setting  
stained-glass  
garden patio porch  
variety and quality  
dine or carry.

## LIVERPOOL LIL'S

Muted-light intrigue  
near the Presidio's  
eastern gate  
pub-like camaraderie  
ales and stouts  
entrees prepared.



## TAJ MAHAL

“What brings you here?”  
to cross a barrier all so inviting  
step beyond the holding parlor  
into muted warmth aromatic glow.

Nested together in darkened seclusion  
safely shielded behind beaded drapes of time  
sitar soothing spirit sound  
visions of butterflies’ lilting flight  
crimson reflections dancing on velvete wall.

Appears the creator  
long-established home of repose  
for an Indian Deva whose soul can see  
its own true vision reflected  
in a sacred temple come to life.

Spiritual dining  
steam steeping warmth  
a taste of mystery will linger on.

Reappears the journeying soul  
hot spice tea prepared  
with untold futures resting  
at the bottom of the cups.

Caressed by destiny in unmet moments  
deeply nourished by serenity’s calm  
crossed boundaries again  
high arched gates adorned by Taj  
opened and released by Joy.

## THE GOOD KARMA

The  
Vegetarian's  
Vegetarian  
restaurant  
the  
oldest  
and  
purest  
epicurean  
delight.

## GREENS AT FORT MASON

Simplicity  
and  
elegance  
reflects  
the  
beauty  
of  
direction.

## TIA MARGARITA

Traditional prelude  
a margarita  
quality food  
Tia special  
warm hospitality  
attentive service  
you only leave  
to return.

## MISSION VILLA

The place  
the place  
oldest Mexican restaurant  
since 1906  
you will find  
no other  
as unique.

## PAM PAM EAST

Around the clock  
dining  
choice and variety  
mid-city heart life  
relaxed atmosphere  
cocktail lounge  
adorned by  
Enrico Caruso's trunk.

## DELANCY STREET

In Remembrance of

A garden setting  
on Union Street  
the place to eat  
the service is neat  
indoor/outdoor a real treat  
unexpected meaning  
alive alive  
changing waiter/waitresses  
cooperative family style.

## MCDONALD'S

Chain of respect  
we're always your's  
wherever you are  
you know  
what you eat  
an event going on  
that's neat.

## LE BEAUJOLAIS

Very intimate  
personal charm  
exceptional quality  
the Bistro  
a la heart.

## CAFÉ MOZART

Service  
appointments  
delightful setting  
splendid food  
concerting imagination  
with distinction.

## MARCEL AND HENRI SELECT MEATS INC.

Superlative pates  
discriminating taste  
finest charcuterie  
very established  
Gourmet.

## BOUDIN SOURDOUGH

A San Francisco Tradition  
Sourdough Fresh.

## HOLY CITY ZOO

Comedian's  
performing or not  
new and established  
spawn and return.

## THE BOARDING HOUSE

Variety of talent  
International names  
Continental  
preference with taste.

## OWL AND MONKEY CAFE

The Coffeehouse  
distinctive style  
beer/wine  
salad, quiche  
lasagne, enchilada  
poetry, music  
pleasant casual  
a nightly happen.

## THE OTHER

Waiting for  
the trolley  
you look across  
the street  
fifteen people there  
you are here.

## THE COMEDIAN

The  
one  
that  
is  
crazy  
and  
understands.

## MIME

Ludicrous actions  
gestures such farce  
inversely  
brings  
presence forth.

## THE PIANO MAN

John Horton Cooper

Thinking music fingers  
it all plays on  
legendary  
old-time  
saloon playing piano man.

## CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS

Sailor of sailors  
Italy's dignified Genoa son  
eager to pass the bounds of  
existing knowledge  
sailed the seas three ships one  
Santa Maria, Pinta, Nina  
gazing earnestly ahead  
plainly saw a lovely land  
discovered America 1492  
named the Indians  
guiding light for spirits  
sailing seas  
Prosto!

## CITY WITHIN A CITY

Invisible  
yet real walls  
separate  
Chinatown  
from the City  
around.

## ODE TO USF

Unity in diversity  
a common ground  
scholarship and dedication  
quality abound  
inward, outward, backward, forward  
creative freedom  
value and respect  
in the spirit of love.

## LONE MOUNTAIN

Most revered  
San Francisco's  
El Divisadero  
the point from which  
one can see far.

## ST. IGNATIUS

First struck by morning Sun  
beauty shown  
first draped and obscured  
by San Francisco Fog  
singular presence  
in the City of many.

## THE FAIRMONT

Rooftop legend  
The Crown Room  
“around” the City view  
elegantly in accord  
with San Francisco's  
ever-changing seen.

## THE MARK HOPKINS

Open-winged  
spectacular tower  
number one Nob Hill  
the top of the Mark  
to toast the town.



## VESUVIO CAFÉ

Lively colorful  
San Francisco beat  
designed and created  
unique.

## THE HAIGHT

Where ideals precede  
and style remains.

## THE OPERA

From the Italian  
dramatic music  
the Word  
acquires meaning  
buffa, seria, mezzo seria  
a measureless virtuality  
the music of music.

## LA OPERA

Della dramma Italiana  
per musica  
La parola  
prende sentimento  
buffa, seria, mezzo seria  
una vigoria senza tempo  
La musica  
della musica

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## ANCHOR STEAM BEER

“Gimme an Anchor”  
a founding  
San Francisco Sound  
unique distinctive flavor  
exclusive royal choice  
original special process  
attended spirit.

## THE BAY BRIDGE

Cross current  
somewhere  
*Inbetween*  
in coming over  
undercurrent flow  
each participates  
locating two  
coming into  
existence  
near or far.