

POEMS FROM A POETRY NOTEBOOK

(Both inane and profound) by Jerry Ross

DRIVING TO NEWPORT

We escaped from Eugene
First dropping off
Our recycling at Genessa's
Then shooting via W. 11th
Out to Fern ridge
Arriving at Mappleton
Right after negotiating the tunnel
Took the Florence by-pass
At Munsell Lake
After lunch in Yachats
Sitting by the sea
Drove to Newport
To the Nye Beach hotel
Now I sit on the
Small bench in front of
Jovi, the gift shop
Taking in the sun.

OCEAN SUN

Sitting on a bench
In front of the
Sandbox & Grill

Looking towards the Sea
The afternoon sun
Baking my face
Ever so gently.

The sea breeze
Dances all over me

People are walking up/down
The incline to/from the ocean

The sound of the seas.

CITY OF NEWPORT, NYE BEACH SUBSTAION

There you sit
You blue-gray
Pump structure
So unassuming
& humble.

NW 3RD STREET, NEWPORT

A bench, I sit
& listen to the traffic

DEPARTING EUGENE FOR MILAN

Departing Eugene
To San Francisco
The usual fog
Flight delayed
Then reversed
Causing mad dash
To the gate
& change of connecting flight
from Copenhagen to Frankfurt
Then changed again
Back to Copenhagen
...
the long flight
10 hours

ARRIVING in Milan 4-28-2016

Milano, You greet
Us again with your
Old trams & elegant streets
Concetta drives us to
Her new apartment
Near the Duomo

Spectacular views from
The 6th floor
Again our hosts vacate
Their own bedroom for
us ... we are home
in Milan again, at the HQ
of la Tavola
Italiana!

PRIMO DI MAJO IN AREZZO

Red flags
Swirling high
Over the platform
CGIL speakers
Alessandro
In fact,
Like a Lenin
Excoriating
the
crowd
We swayed and
Foot stomped
To the
Palestinian music
Of Kabila
Yallah!
After introducing ourselves
As "Berners"
We are invited to
A villa for pranzo
A wonderful time spent
with
CGIL comrades.

ANNA MARIA

As we approached
Your neighborhood
A woman on the

Side of the street
Stared at us
"Jerry!!", she shouted
We turned
There she stood
Anna Maria
Bevastro
Our old friend
In Arezzo
Her warm smile
greeted us.

MONIQUE IN ROMA

We arrived to
Find you in'
A wheel chair
With a broken
Arm and bashed up knee
Sesamo, as usual, avoiding our
Probing camera

PRANZA AT CASA GORACCI

Greeted by Fiorella, Alessandro &
Flora
Driven there (per fortuna!)
By Jonluca,
We got to spend time with the Nonna now 93
Years young &
The two bambine who
Played, fought, & charmed us all

POOR ANGELA

Angela struggling
To adjust to me,
Now a crotchedy,
Irritable
Old fart of a person –
Cannot hear or see well
Out of left eye

My responses are
Often not appropriate
Because I cannot hear what she says
Oye oye oye
Povera Angela
My love.

THE ITALIAN POST OFFICE

Today at the Italian post office
In Arezzo
To send out our SERVAS documents
For renewal
Pick a ticket
Try to figure out what window
40 euros to mail a letter!!! (international express)
The transaction
Only took 45 minutes
As the clerk made sure
Our paperwork
Was perfetto.

CHIANCIANO TERME

Arriving this morning
To a very drab & seemingly
Abandoned terme town
Here thanks
to a good hotel deal
that included a bottle of prosecco, cena
& free passes to the terme
We enjoyed
lipidly warm water
(tempid at best)
But still an interesting experience
& finally tv
in our room!!

MONTEPULCIANO

An osteria with a
Panoramic terrace
View

Bio vino – molto buono

The little British girl with
A straw hat & a
Pink ribbon

Roasted cheese w walnuts & honey

Waiting for our
Servings
Breaded lamb and
Cinghiali with sauce.

FEEDING THE PIGEONS

My father Sidney
Used to say
When he was ready to retire
From the fur business
That he was ready
To just sit (on a farm?)
“and feed the chickens”
And so I sit
Now retired
And feed the pigeons

OTTERLO (Holland August 2017)

Ik ben Jerry
Who discovered
Ristorante Luna
In Oterlo after
A day of bicycling
The Dutch National Park
Here in Holland
And molto molto fame (hungry)
I could eat the table
I ate a nice sized pizza
Topped with seafood
Even anchovies
A glass of so so red wine
A glass of bubbly water

Alles is goed!!

