

## Nana Mouskouri "Caruso"

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Qui dove il mare luccica  
E tira forte il vento  
Sulla vecchia terrazza  
Davanti al golfo di Surriento  
Un uomo abbraccia una ragazza  
Dopo che aveva pianto  
Poi si schiarisce la voce  
E ricomincia il canto

Te vojo bene assai  
Ma tanto tanto bene sai  
E' una catena ormai  
Che scioglie il sangue dint'e vene sai

Vide le luci in mezzo al mare  
Penso alle notti la in America  
Ma erano solo le lampare  
E la bianca scia di un'elica  
Senti il dolore nella musica  
E si alzo dal pianoforte  
Ma quando vide uscire  
La luna da una nuvola  
Gli sembra piu dolce anche la morte  
Guardo negli occhi la ragazza  
Quegli occhi verdi come il mare  
Poi all'improvviso uscì una lacrima  
E lui credette di affogare

Potenza della lirica  
Dove ogni dramma e un falso  
Che con un po'di trucco e con la mimica  
Puoi diventare un altro  
Ma due occhi che ti guardano  
Così vicini e veri  
Ti fan scordare le parole  
Confondono i pensierei  
Cos diventa tutto piccolo  
Anche le notti la in America  
Ti volti e vedi la tua vita  
Dietro la scia di un'elica  
Ma sì, e la vita che finisce  
E non ce penso poi tanto

Anzi, si sentiva già felice  
E ricomincio il suo canto

Te vojo bene assai  
Ma tanto tanto bene sai  
E una catena ormai  
Che scioglie il sangue dint'e vene sai  
CARUSO-English Translation  
(L. Dalla)

Here, where the sea shines  
And the wind howls  
On the old terrace  
Beside the gulf of Sorrento  
A man embraces a girl  
After the tears  
Then clears his throat  
And continues the song:

I love you very much  
Very, very much you know  
It is a chain by now  
That heats the blood inside the veins  
You know

He saw the lights out on the sea  
Thought of the nights there in America  
But they were only the fisherman's lamps  
And the white wash astern  
He felt the pain in the music  
And stood up from the piano  
But when he saw the moon  
Emerging from a cloud  
Death also seemed sweeter to him  
He looked the girl in the eyes  
Those eyes as green as the sea  
Then suddenly a tear fell  
And he believed he was drowning

I love you very much  
Very, very much, you know  
It is a chain by now  
That heats the blood inside the veins  
You know

The power of opera  
Where every drama is a hoax  
With a little make-up and with mine  
You can become someone else  
But two eyes that look at you  
So close and real

Make you forget the words  
Confuse your thoughts  
So everything becomes small  
Also the nights there in America  
You turn and see your life  
Through the white wash astern  
But, yes, it is life that ends  
And he did not think much about it  
On the contrary, he already felt happy  
And continued his song

I love you very much  
Very, very much, you know  
It is a chain by now  
That heats the blood inside the veins  
You know

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