

ELYSIAN FIELDS

The warmth of spirit,
delightful sounds
Ecstasy abounding
trees blossoming
rebirth, hope, opening

Anoixi, opening, Spring
Prima vera, first truth, Spring

Memories of past
pleasant faces
Family gatherings, children's laughter
dinner with music;
harmony of elements

A dance of spirit
the dance of life

Our nectar, ambrosia,
affirmation with destiny
dreams you can touch

A fine vintage
smooth as seashore contours;
waves breaking the silence,
relaxing us more
We drink, soak it in;
reflecting, feeling
the renaissance

March 10, 1997

MEZOGIORNO

Italia - an absence of the Ottoman ---

there are no minarets;

no non-Italian languages on the billboards

What was destroyed was rebuilt

Hellas welcomes you with a matter -of-fact attitude

Cigarettes are a major environmental player,

as in Europa

The blue sea and dry, majestic landscape

welcome the ships

Women, very pretty, a product of hardy peoples

though many are divas

a result of confusion,

where every individual is a church

August 1987, from Napoli to Brindisi

REMINISCING

Amid the placid waves
took place a tumultuous change;
Three artists, sharing their love of music
with people of every race and creed

The Caribbean offered a spectacle ---
an opportunity to examine ourselves...
Seven days to look at endless horizons

A cleansing of the soul,
relaxation of the body...
Sharing with the sun
our bodies and exasperation.

Reinforced with solitude,
spirit and appreciation of nature,
we carry on with our lives
drawing from our past.

April 1988

PARALIA

Stretching endlessly
granules of sand
yet undiscovered by most
enjoyed by few

Relaxing, refreshing
waves surfing over waves
Producing similar patterns
just stop and enjoy

Potomakia, Kefallonia, 18 August 2002

ELYSIAN FIELDS AND TARTARUS

A land of striking beauty,
some call it "Hellas," some "Greece" ---

Its inhabitants of years ago,
founded revolutionary concepts;
Minoan symmetry, Spartan discipline,
Athenian artistic legacy,
Macedonian phalanx, Syracusan science;

Native sons and daughters
wrote and etched their souls within ours
Through poetry, search for truth,
quest for the unknown

The idea of freedom was always around,
but never implemented completely.
Now, the inhabitants have more freedom than ever;
for them, it is the freedom to spout vulgarities,
throw trash in the countryside, and yell instead of talk.
Disorganization.

The Hellenes are now free.

August 14, 1987
Between Aegina and Poros towards Hania

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HOME OF THE WINGLESS VICTORY, NIKI
SACKED BY THE FRENCH AND OTHERS

SITE OF THE HIGHEST PEAK
IN THE AEGEAN ISLANDS CHAIN

IMBROS, TENEDOS,
WITHIN VIEW,
GUARDING THE HELLESPONT

FRIXOS AND ELLI
ENJOYED A PANORAMA

INHABITANTS SMILE
TOURISM HAS NOT YET CHANGED THIS

GOATS ROAM THE COUNTRYSIDE
UNCONTROLLED

WILD SEA SHORES,
CLEAR WATER,
GEOMETRIC PEBBLES
CLEAR LIGHT

SEPTEMBER 1989

Leap forward, stuck in smoke backwards
Friendly disposition, warm smiles

Four-lane highways
narrow to one

Infrastructure improving
hemorrhage from the east
(reflecting nomadic immaturity)
keeps this land from achieving more

Beautiful landscape
light bringing out contrasts
bathing the land
in all its splendor

Changing cities, overpopulated
concrete laid out
before prognosticating the chaos

Handsome people
conspicuous consumption
the young generation wants,
thinks, it has all

Child-friendly environment
(barring the smoke)

Mythology reborn
in the present time

October 1997

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IONIAN SHADES

Shades of blue, green aqua, purple
Reflecting light of endless dimension
Promontories of majesty, rising from the depths
each with their distinct shape
Gaze into the sea
as many have before us
and reflect on beauty
the symmetry of nature

19 August 2002, between Fiskardo and Vasiliki

ΔΗΜΗΤΡΑ (DEMETER)

Spirit of Eleusis, Iera Odos
Mysteria, Mysteries
Pageantry, solemn symbolism
Staff of life, Lest we forget you
Carpeting our earth floors
with chromatic vistas
Fruits of Life

You embody fulfilling substance
No enigma here, Persephone has been found
Renaissance, perpetuated

2 December 2006

STOUPA

Sun, sea, wind, people
synthesize to make for exuberance
Traditional Mani
welcoming outsiders
balancing worlds
Villages overlooking the sea
portraits captured by history
Saidona politically different
adding to the balance
People aware of the past
trying to remind
current generations

August 10, 2002

IOANNINA

Mountains as backdrop
lake with ducks
peaceful, pastoral setting
Liberated lady
tosses cigarette into lake
Lake disturbed
yet able to absorb
era of Ali Pasha
Years of history
jewel of Epiros
Ioannina beckons

August 21, 2002

POTAMAKIA

Ships sail away
taking the body
but not the mind
Gentle waves and breeze
caress the skin
energizing the soul

Poseidon overtaken by Nicholas
Athena pushed away by Miriam
only to return to claim
their place
in nature

People come and go
but the beauty, spirit
cannot be swept

Kefallonia, 18 August 2002

MONEMVASIA

They built a city in and on stone,
creating a fortress to dominate the surroundings.

Churches were built
so that they could pray
and ask that they be spared,
and their enemies annihilated.

(Religion in human terms.)

Spectacular views abound
along narrow and winding roads;

History has left its mark,
and now, the nouveaux riches live there
Trying to show how different they are,

living the natural life,
but, alas,
they are no different
from the rest of us.

August 14, 1987

Towards Hania

RAFINA

ARAFINIDON ALON OF ANCIENT
TRANQUIL ENERGY
SANCTUARY OF ARTEMIS IN VAVRONA
A PEACEFUL SETTING TO ABSORB THE ELEMENTS
ELEMENTS OF HUMANITY FROM PROUSA

NATURAL BALANCE OF WATER, AIR, EARTH

AEGEAN, BLUE SKIES, ISLANDS

WHAT INNATELY DRAW US

TO CONNECT WITH OUR SPIRIT

COSMOPOLITAN AND INVITING
WE COVET OUR NEXT MEETING
IN YOUR PSAROTAVERNES, THE PLATEIA

RAFINA, WE WILL MEET AGAIN

26 JANUARY 2007