

An Ode to NIBS at Antalya, Turkey

The Mediterranean sea knows it all
travelers flock to Antalya
to learn of its giving
mountains and vegetation pay homage
to its placid waters
the voice of civilization itself
speaks from its soul

To the shores of Antalya
a cherished offspring of the Mediterranean
NIBS has brought scholars from many lands
seeking the epitome of culture and tourism
NIBS yearns to learn from this haven
where peace, co-existence and prosperity may lie
in that other world of strife and want

If the Mediterranean sea, withstanding change
can only let its voice speak to our inner realities
it will touch its cherished NIBS guests
and sanely let them know
belief in goodwill, sincerity and humanistic love
is all we know
and all we need to know

And if waves of water ebb and flow
transforming the souls of man
through salubrious breeze
so too can the goodwill at NIBS we've found
create waves of friendship and comfort
in networks of willing souls
we shall find a friend in every port
like at the Divan at Antalya
we shall celebrate from now, anew
along vistas of memories
that we met, we cared, we shared
what our friendships grew

The Mediterranean sees and knows this too.

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