

MIRACLE
OF
CREATION
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"A DECADE OF THE ARTS"

Theme for the Tenth Annual

Fine Arts Fiesta

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I N A PUBLIC SQUARE
*Where four roads ran
Arts-in-the-afternoon
Began,*

*A free gift
On an open stage
A salute to a city's
Coming of age.*

A MIRACLE HAPPENS
As miracles do
When the first fierce dream
Comes to you
And speaks in a language
You listen to.

A miracle happens
As miracles must
To fissionable stars
In a sea of dust
In a climate
Prepared for divine trust.

Nothing on earth
Or whirling in space
Will ever diminish
Or replace
The wonder
Of the human race.

A FIGURE SITS
On a marble throne
Holding a parchment
Carved in stone.

Some looked and left
Some looked and prayed
Some were astonished
Some dismayed
Some were critical
Some afraid.
Some looked
And were not moved
By a logic
Not all neatly proved.

Some stood
Deeply awed
Some asserted
The thing was a fraud.

And some marveled
That man could be
Beast and savage
Slave and free.

Is the figure
On the throne
Truth or legend
Flesh or stone?
Have we seen
The old myths die
And be forgotten
By and by
Under a wide
And open sky?

Are we, like stars
In a sea of dust,
Prepared for a climate
Of divine trust
Where miracles happen
As miracles must,
Where nothing on earth
Or in space
Will ever diminish
Or replace
The wonder
Of the human race?

THE MIRACLE OF CREATION
IS STILL
THE WONDER OF IT.

IN A PUBLIC SQUARE
*Where four roads ran
Arts-in-the-afternoon
Began,*

*A free gift
The people give
That the arts may flourish
And a city live.*

THIS IS FIESTA

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ANNETTE EVANS

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Miss Annette Evans

Each spring,
Because it started there,
Fiesta returns
To the public square.

From the beginning
It was led
By a gallant woman
Whose spirit said,
"Let this Fiesta
Come into being,
And let it be
A means for seeing
The best that people
Share
With other people
Everywhere."

So this Fiesta
Came into being
With a great pure hope
Of forever freeing
The best in people
So that all might share
Joy
With others everywhere.

From the beginning
Fiesta has stayed
A free gift
Freely made.

This is Fiesta,
It is proudly said,
A majestic lady
Founded and led.