

Observations on the Ventura Pier

[lyrics]

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From the pier, from the pier I see vibrant life
On the pier, on the pier I sense vivid life
From the pier I feel brightness and mist and peace
I feel the power of the ocean driving, roll beneath heavy wood planks
On the pier, on the pier I feel soothed and calm
At the pier waves roll waves crash
Waves crest
Waves surge
Roll under the pier
Where merchant ships docked
Gulls sweep where fishermen cast
The pier was here at the city's bloom
I see dancing diamonds drifting towards the afternoon sun
On the pier I feel land and sea and sky
[children shouting:] Islands! Surfers! Kites! A freighter! Oil rigs! Two trees! Jet skis! There's the freeway!
Catch anything, mister? I see dolphins! Look, a whale!
[choir:] Railing smoothed over many years by so many hands coming from many lands
bup bup dah dah [repeated]
Hands from many lands
Polished rails, well worn, weathered, well-worn
Battered, hardened pier
As the sun falls, the venerable pier points to the western sky, where creamy rainbow ice cream melts upon
the islands floating on the horizon: Anacapa, Santa Rosa, Santa Cruz, San Miguel [repeated]
Desperate waves crash, sailors' graves smash on the pilings strong, battered for so long, and yet the pier
stands.
Poseidon eleison [repeated]
Yet the pilings stand up proud
Yet the pilings stand unbowed, standing proud
All the stress it's seen, standing up against all the force it's fought, penetrates the interface of land and sea.
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From the pier I feel brightness and mist and peace
I feel the power of the ocean driving roll beneath heavy wood planks
On the pier, on the pier I feel soothed and calm
Ah ah ah ah
All the force it's fought, all the stress it's felt, all the sea has wrought, all the storms it's braved
Yet the pier is strong