The world in my home

Exchange,
Berkeley,
Quite strange.
I see,
White wall,
Great hall,
Overall,
Empty.

In the rooms
A bunk bed
And Bathrooms
Are all shared
I foresee
Privacy
Missing me.
I was scared.

Soon I started
To see the places
Get more crowded
With new faces.
Started talking,
New ones meeting,
And beginning,
To see changes.

Oh Stranger, Stranger!
Meet me, talk to me!
We live together,
Like a family
Come in the Great Hall,
In the Dining hall
I want to know all
About your country

I don’t speak your language
I don’t share your culture
But I know we’ll manage
To share the same future
We’ll take down the barriers
Forget about frontiers
Share sometime a few beers
And start this adventure.

I really like to travel
And discover new countries,
Mysteries to unravel
And hear exotic stories.
But now everything is near
The whole world is gathered here
So don’t let your inner fear
Built narrow-minded boundaries!

Let’s, all together, experience
Many cultures and opinions
From Lomé, Tokyo or Athens
Let’s enjoy the conversations!
The whole world, we are remaking
About politics debating.
Different ideas we’re sharing,
Dreaming of peace in all nations.

Let’s taste some wine from Argentina,
When we are all tired of conversing,
You my friend, take us to Korea
To share a Jeon¹ before partying.
Show me how you gher midin² in Iran,
Let’s smoke hookah like in Pakistan
And Karaoke like in Japan,
Let’s spend Saturday night travelling.

We are dancing to the same melody,
The one magical song written for two -
You and the world singing in harmony,
Letting down the walls that isolate you.
Despite all our cultural differences
We all found here bounding experiences
Which highlighted our deep
resemblances.

Dear International house, thank you!

At the end, when it’s time to go back
To our respective old countries,
Back in our homes, we will unpack,
An entire book full of memories.
Chapters filled with journeys that we
made,
Parties at Pappys, fun games we played,
Lasting friendships that will never fade,
Memories more precious than rubies.

And we will share this souvenir
With friends and family oversea,
All we experienced this whole year
Won’t have any time boundary
We will keep sharing what we know
Stereotypes shouldn’t grow
Don’t be afraid of what you don’t know
Let’s build cultural harmony.

By crossing inner borders
I finally found real wealth
And I understood others
But I also found myself.
I embraced consciousness
Of my cultural richness,
And improved my openness.
Thanks to you, I found myself.
Ihouse values sharing
Creates pleasant events
Where we can dance or sing
And show all our talents
To praise diversity
And creativity
And brings community
Together with students

Every Wednesday
For coffee hour
This magical day
I have the power,
To share my country
With you all, proudly
Bake crêpes and pastry
You can devour.

In my own home
I had the world, 
Under the dome
Beauty unfurled.
On my pictures,
Many features
Races, cultures
All so colored.

I found more
Than one way
To adore
Everyday.
But I’ll cry
I’ll say bye
And I’ll fly
Faraway.

Да свиданя,
A bientôt
さようなら
Στο καλό
La revedere
Arrivederci
Adiós
Goodbye!

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1 Korean dish
2 Iranian dance