

THE *Lotte Senya* COMPETITION SONGBOOK

“Sunday Morning Paul” (standalone song)

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SUNDAY MORNING, PAUL INVOKES THE LORD
WITH A SWEET AND SOMBER MAJOR CHORD,
GENTLY SWAYING TO HIS ORGAN PIECE
IN HIS LIGHT BLUE BUTTON-DOWN WITHOUT A SINGLE CREASE.

AND NO ONE KNOWS THAT LAST NIGHT HE DANCED AT A BAR ACROSS THE
STATE LINE.
AND NO ONE KNOWS THAT HE SANG ALONG WITH PUMPING EIGHTIES’ POP.
AND NO ONE KNOWS HE STILL HEARS THE SOUND OF MISTY VELVET WHISPERS,
AND HE’S PULLING OUT THE STOPS TO MAKE IT STOP.

SUNDAY MORNING, PAUL’S A LOVELY VIEW,
MAGNETIZING STARES FROM EVERY PEW.
SINGLE WOMEN PRAYING ON THEIR KNEES
WISH HE WOULD CARESS THEM, LIKE HE DOES THE ORGAN KEYS.

AND THEY DON’T KNOW THAT LAST NIGHT WE KISSED AT A BAR ACROSS THE
STATE LINE.
AND THEY DON’T KNOW THAT I MADE HIM EGGS, AND TEA WITH HOSTESS
CAKES.
NO, THEY DON’T KNOW HE’S CLENCHING HIS TEETH TO KEEP HIS HEAD FROM
SPINNING,
AND SLAMS THE PEDALS LIKE THEY WERE THE BRAKES.

HE PLAYS OFFERTORIES, HYMNS, AND PRELUDES,
WARDING OFF TEMPTATION AND SIN.
ALL HIS LIFE HAS BEEN A PRELUDE
TO A LIFE THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN.

SUNDAY MORNING, PAUL AND I DON’T SPEAK.
HE’S “SUNDAY MORNING PAUL” SIX DAYS A WEEK--
PAUL, WHOSE MOTHER’S BELL CHOIR WON A PRIZE;
PAUL, WHOSE FATHER’S SERMON MADE THE LADIES WIPE THEIR EYES.

AND I DON’T KNOW IF I HAVE THE WORDS TO BREAK HIS CODE OF SILENCE;
AND I DON’T KNOW IF I’LL WASTE MY TIME WAITING FOR HIS CALL
AND I DON’T KNOW IF I CAN SPEND ANOTHER SUNDAY MORNING
BLOTTING OUT MY SATURDAY WITH PAUL.