

Work in progress

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Cles

A town in the Trentino whose citizenry
Has been Roman since the early Roman history

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The castle of Cles sitting on top
Of a hill overlooking a man-made lake
Is the birthplace of a great Prince-bishop
Who once ruled over Trent for the Church's sake

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This Prince-bishop known as Bernard of Cles
A trusted councillor of the Hapsburg Emperor
Was a man of tight principles and sternness
Who once put down the peasantry in a rustic war

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He was also the one who undertook
With a firm hand and sure artistic bent
The extensive city planning that gave Trent
A new and modern renaissance look

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When the Pope was about to make his choice
Of the location in which to base
A council he harked to Bernard's voice
And picked out Trent as the fittest place

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The power and glory of the Prince-bishops went on
From the dark ages to the age of Napoleon:
The little Corsican who set the world on fire
Put an end to the Holy Roman Empire

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The wings of the K.u.K. Monarchy
Covered Cles until nineteen eighteen
But flew away from the local scene
After a long skirmish with Italy

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There followed twenty years black and lean
That brought about the loss of liberty
Under the rule of the ill-fated Mussolini
Until the destiny of Italy
Fell into the hands open and clean
Of Degasperi, the best of the Trentini

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Whose mentor was the once Chaplain of Cles
A native of a place called Don
A small village in the Val di Non
That Endrici second to none for prowess

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Prince-bishop Endrici played a major role
Against the unwelshing of the Welsh Tyrol
Suffering exile, exile and calaboose
But never risking -God forbid- the noose

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It was in the year 1946
That Degasperi and Gruber managed to fix
The Tyrolese ethnic-linguistic mess
In a spirit of peace and fairness

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The Comprehensive Institute of Cles
Is the city's ornament (in German Putz)
It offers language skills and abilities
And has a twin school in the town of Prutz
Voller Möglichkeiten, full of possibilities

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An electronic link unites
The Cles and Putz school websites
Sites full of information to the brim
Always updated, always in trim

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The Austrian partners on a visit to the institute
Saw all the classrooms along with the gym
Got words of welcome and of salute
They were a nice bunch and stayed for lunch
And later on they swarmed like bees
Among the perfumed apple trees:

Nach dem Frühstück vor dem Essen
Äpfel kosten nicht vergessen!

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In the English-speaking world people say
'An apple a day keeps the doctor away'
No fitter proverb from days long bygone
Describes the apples of the 'Val di Non'!

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Apples that have been declared DOP
-Designation of Origin and Protection-
Certifying the quality of the crop:
Good for the belly and good for the complexion

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The German-speaking Tyrolese who dwell
A short drive from Cles call an apple apfel
Using a place name as the root
For the Germanic word of the delicious fruit

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Apple and apfel (the words are germane)
Have a long story and both seem to stem
From the Malum Abellae grown on a Southern plain
the vast plain around ancient Napoli:
The apple of Abella was a real gem
Famous for its outstanding quality

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Cles is renowned nationwide as the place
Of an evening school, the school of lace:
Pillow lace of every kind and size
Shown and rewarded oft with many a prize

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In the small library of Cles
the town's popular address
Books are free and free for all
Ready at one's beck and call

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