

# Twenty Two Voices

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Listen closely: Be nose-y to know about Knowsley  
The year triple T's B.O.C.  
That's 'Borough of Culture' to me and to you  
In Common Era Twenty-Twenty-Two

With hearts of gold that feed the soul  
The tale tellers told their stories of old  
The warmth of the community keeps out the cold  
In seven districts that make us whole

We all have a story – watch Knowsley's unravel  
The borough has links with the history of travel  
Where potters found plots to kiln Prescott's pots  
Let's celebrate all the good gifts that we've got

The 5th Earl, Lord Strange, and his men of the stage  
Employed a young poet who put pen to page  
To guess who that poet was isn't so hard...  
Yes, William Shakespeare, AKA the Bard

Prescot was known for the finest watchmakers  
Huyton made space for the rollers and skaters  
Cronton's coalminers, Halewood's engineering  
Stockbridge's musician's had us all cheering

If you love theatre, do give a thought  
To Shakespeare North with its Cockpit-in-court  
The Shakespeare Triangle is now complete  
By the Playhouse on Prospero Place and Mill Street

Know it all about Knowsley Hall  
Who came from Whiston famous for football?  
And who was the boxer from Kirkby who fought  
And brought Knowsley and Liverpool fame through  
his sport?

As Liverpool grew, people started anew  
Overspill of the Scouse and the Irish stew  
Now we're Filipino, Polish, African, Asian...  
A cultural mix, racially one relation

High-rise flats that stretch to the sky  
From the rooftops take in the view with a sigh  
Camels and giant birds that don't fly  
The lions, the tigers, the bears – oh my!

The elephant boating, big thrones to sit in  
The nose by the poet who paired owl with kitten  
The regeneration, community spirit  
The borough of culture, we're honoured to win it!

Refreshing our roots, reviewing perceptions  
Progressing steadily, learning new lessons  
Doing what's good, believing what's right  
We move through the ages pursuing the light

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Doing what's good, believing what's right  
We'll move through the ages pursuing the light