Caruso

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Infinity gives me chills So could the waters of Iceland But there's a difference in finding diamonds in rust And rhinestones in a dishpan Miracles bowl me over And often will they do so Now I think I was asleep till I heard The voice of the great Caruso

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A friend of mine gave me a tape She'd copied from a record disc It was made at the turn of the century And found in a jacket labeled "misc." And midst cellos, harps, and flugelhorns With the precision of a hummingbird's heart Was the lord of the monarch butterflies One-time ruler of the world of art

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Yes, the king of them all was Enrico Whose singular chest could rival A hundred fervent Baptists Giving forth in a tent revival True he was a vocal miracle But that's only secondary It's the sould of the monarch butterfly That I find a little bit scary

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Perhaps he's just a vehicle To bear us to the hills of Truth That's Truth spelled with a great big T And peddled in the mystic's booth There are oh so many miracles That the western sky exposes Why go looking for lilacs When you're lying in a bed of roses?

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