

Somewhere Different

Not Spain or the Canaries where many folk go
For a holiday abroad we plumped for Moscow,
St. Petersburg too, all the sights for to see
It all looked so beautiful when seen on TV.
We weren't disappointed when we got there
The Kremlin was marvellous right next to Red Square
It's a town in itself with so much to see
The Armoury Chamber full of Russian history
Lenin in his coffin of shining glass
Lying in state as thousands file past.
The buildings so bright looked so strange to me
As I always thought it was a drab place you see.
The summer palaces we visited were sights to behold
There were so many domes covered in gold
Their grounds with their gardens, fountains and pools,
And inside their treasures glistening with jewels.
But out of all these the best of them there
Was St Basil's Cathedral at the end of Red Square.
St. Petersburg next, through the night on a train
A few hours rest, then more sightseeing again,
This city is livelier than Moscow we found
There's rivers and canals, and bridges abound
And there are plenty of museums and galleries to be found.
The best is The Hermitage, if crowds you don't mind
The Pushkin is famous and many more you can find.
A trip on the river takes you out to the sea
Entertained by a folk group, and the drink you get free.
There is so much to see and many places to go
The people are friendly and like you to know
That they enjoy having tourists to see what they've got
But in just seven days you can't see the lot.
So maybe one day we'll go back for more
And do all the things we haven't done before.
If you've thought of a visit just make up your mind
My wife and myself can tell you you'll find
There's so much to do and places to go
You'll find in a week, like us you won't know
What to see what to miss, but the rest will remain
And maybe like us you might go back again.

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