

Along The Border

McAllen, seven miles from Mexico,
an oasis along the border.
McAllen has reputation for progress,
leading way amongst Valley cities.
Frustration continues with staggering poverty.
Brothers and sisters deserve opportunity.
City leaders attempt to balance
hyper growth with citizen's needs.

What Is McAllen To Become?

McAllen has decisions to make,
decisions affecting the future of
all who live in McAllen.
Urban sprawl destroys our character,
distractions created by profit promises.
We will be known by the
choices we that we make.
We share in this responsibility.

The Future

What is future of downtown?
The answer, up to us.
Downtown could have inviting nature.
What vision do we share?
Progress without planning is Chaos.
Chaos demands our immediate attention,
tearing at our communities determination
to shape our cities quality.

Leadership

Othal claims to be our savior.
Singular vision of preferred future.
Declarations made of superior savvy
at expense of legitimate concerns.
Yes, many decisions were enlightened,
but many citizens were destroyed,
humiliated by an overbearing mayor.
Love, hate relationship describes Othal.

Gangs

Do we question our leaders?
It is our responsibility to.
Most choose to live here,
but some cannot afford escape.
Gangs dish out their pain
to those unable to protect
from damage at perpetrators hands.
What we allow, frames us.

Destructive Self-Interest, Pontificating Bully

Visionary, or self-interest is question.
Former mayors silent partner claims
he never took a commission
buying land for McAllen projects.
Who needs to if mayor
is your silent partner, skimming
to acquire surrounding property before
information is provided to public.

Special Interests

Many years ago there was
a self serving mayor of McAllen.
Planning to use insider information
to gain special personal advantage.
City commissioners uncovered dastardly scene.
All commissioners went to mayor,
warning that if he persisted
the would seek his removal.

Black Heart/Golden Lips

Good deeds assuage his conscious.
Black heart kept in shadows.
He speaks with self-acknowledged brilliance
dictating outcomes of unquestioned importance.
Appearance of his honorable intentions
masks behind-the-scenes plotting
designed to bring him riches.
Who dares to say no?

McAllen, The City Of Palms

McAllen, hustle, bustle along border
divided by Rio from Mexico.
Semi-tropical, fertile, delta thrives.
Culture's blend building strong alchemy.
Community spirit source of inertia.
Diverse resources brought to bare
as McAllen leads the way
with consideration for all citizens.

Preferred Future

Palms leaves away over McAllen,
flowered city by the border.
Gulf breeze cuts summer's heat.
Cities growth almost beyond imagination.
Rich cultural traditions bring strength.
Challenges met by involved community.

Commitment to education and water,
linchpins to a preferred future.

Rich Traditions

Green parrots fly by squawking
as purple martins flit overhead.
Winter home to many species.
Northern friends swell winter population,
while far away, snow falls.
Closer to Honduras than Chicago
McAllen poised on last frontier.
Rich traditions mark the way.

Quinta Mazatlan

Quinta Mazatlan a Valley treasure
surrounded by vast flora varieties
native birds abound this paradise
overlooking McAllen from strategic hill.
Preserved by city for all time.
Soon to become birding center
so future generations can enjoy
the richness of native treasures.