

Why I chose Hunter College... in 500 words or less...

It was early '83, and I was living at the Y.
But, I met an 85 year old with a room to occupy.
She told me it was clean and small and damp and all of that.
But it's kind of neat and very cheap; I can't say no to that.

It was 73rd and Broadway, called the Anson-ia Hotel,
Where Bette and Barry got there start, down in the 'gates of... Well,
You know where it was, and is, and guess it always will be...
But that's off the track, I must get back to my Hunter College Degree.

I'm an actor, dancer, singer in the entertainment biz.
I know alot about alot, but I'm not a mathematics wiz.
Yet multiplying ones and twos, and minding all my p's and q's,
Hunter came to be the only choice for me to choose.

I tried affording Fordham, NYU, and too Columbia.
Tho' it's hard when you are living off of mustard and Bologn-ia.
I found that I could manage at this city university.
I also found, aside from cheap, a learning with diversity.

At once a school for women that was absolutely free;
Now a place for everyone to be what they want to be.
I came for acting and for dance, psychology on the side.
Got my BA, was on my way. Psych? I don't know why.

Encouraged from the very start to explore all possibilities,
Our teachers had us focus on our various abilities.
There was Mira, Jana, Billy and B.J. defining my employment.
While E. Wilson and M. Rutenberg instilled future enjoyment.

So, here it is, 'sbeen 15 years, and I think of Hunter fondly.
Others who don't feel the same, they leave me in a quandry.
Life, like Hunter, makes of itself the degree that you put in it,
As I was able to take advantage and push it to the limit.

Advice I give to those who care, or need to share their lives.
You will find as I have found that Hunter is where life thrives.
Like other institutions it proudly speaks of ancestry.
But in the heart of Ol' New York, t'was the only place for me.

If I were young, or not so young, with want to learn and dare...
If, too, assured that I would get the gifts I got while there...
I would select and not regret the choice that I have made.
And Hunter'd be again for me the place to learn my trade.

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