

## **Capitola Casitas**

It's like a painting on a jigsaw puzzle:  
each house linked piece by pastel piece,  
water shining around the stucco huddle.

It's like a patchwork of aquamarine,  
turquoise, maize, champagne, citron, coral, rose and lavender  
as though sewn together seam by seam.

The people sit by the water --  
the sand reaching out to get closer --  
and watch the ducks as they patter.

The houses are all united,  
connecting together as a body of friends  
standing sturdy, faithful and lighted.

The townspeople laugh and talk and smile,  
in the town that seems to be floating away on a boat,  
as they lay outside for awhile.

For this town is history.  
Vintage and antique, each house has a story.  
If they could tell, who knows what each story might be.

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