LUNCH CHORUS

It must have been a ploughman

or a pilgrim long ago,

someone in the fields,

or someone on the go.

Archimedes had a moment

Galileo had a hunch,

Isaac Newton saw the apple fall,

but who invented lunch?

MAYOR

Might I suggest we begin with the whitebait…Then lobster for our guests,please Cassie!

JUDGE 1

No, no, please...Just a salad.

MAYOR

Nonsense.

We want to show you what this town has to offer.

LUNCH CHORUS

Pythagoras' theorem

squared the hypotenuse,

Sandwich made the sandwich

Mississippi birthed the Blues.

Nikola Tesla with his AC

beat Thomas Edison to the punch,

John Logie Baird turned on the TV

but who invented lunch?

Who, who, who, who invented lunch?

BEL *to Serge*

Table for five, Giovanni!

SERGE

My name is Serge. I am the chef.

BEL

Whatever.Table for five.

CASSIE *intervening*

I'm afraid we are full.

BEL

No matter. We can fit on here.

STEFFI

Budge up.

BEL

Room for a small one?

It isn't in the Bible

or in the Iliad,

but the ancients didn't miss

what they'd never had.

The bell of Saint Benedict

called the monks to munch,

but St Benedict called it dinner

and never mentioned lunch.

Never, never, never, never mentioned lunch

BEL

Calamaris... Antonio...

AYESHA

and the rocket salad...

TREZE *points at a dish on the next table*

Some of those yummy olives...

STEFFI

..and five G and Ts...

to get us started...

BEL

Doubles.

LUNCH CHORUS

Friedrich Nietzsche undiscovered God,

Sigmund Freud set libido free,

then we all got connected

thanks to Berners-Lee.

But of all the world's inventors,

the cleverest of the bunch

must be that unsung hero

who first invented lunch.

That unsung hero who first invented lunch

BEL

What's the goss then?

MAYOR

Do you mind.This is council business.

(ETC)…….

MAYOR

Honestly!

This is a private meeting.

BEL

Bout what?

CASSIE

How to crack a lobster.

First pick up the lobster,

grasp the body with one hand,

twist the tail with the other,

until the two disband.

From the remaining carcass …..

(etc)

you're left with the empty shell.

That's the joy of lobster,

and much else as well.

JUDGE 1

Wonderful!

(ETC)…….

JUDGE 1

A little local difficulty?

CASSIE

I wish it had been me.I've never been to Nice.

JUDGE 1

I'm going out there next month to speak to their chamber of commerce...

LUNCH CHORUS

No city holds your statue,

no street bears your name,

but every day at one o'clock

we celebrate your fame.

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