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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