

## INCURABLE ROMANTICS

Little Antonio,  
a complete stranger  
smoking a cigarette  
outside a bar in Spain,  
choke-full of joy  
and a love-story he couldn't contain,  
his story began...

after meeting a Finnish girl  
in a club in Torremolinos,  
he had just abandoned everything,  
including a house and the security of a career  
spanning 25 years in Governmental administration.

I hugged him with a happiness  
where words alone couldn't express how much I understood  
and I wished him luck,  
as he enthused to impress  
that there was no such thing as coincidence,  
and would gamble everything  
to follow the destiny he believed in his heart.

Coincidence or not, that two drunk people should meet in a bar,  
I could only agree on how much more he might lose,  
through fear to make the move or by standing back  
watching it go with the spin  
in the right place at the wrong time  
in the wrong place at the right time.

Little Antonio  
ready to chance his luck  
and prepared to go for broke  
throwing caution to the wind  
possibly completely fucked  
but happy to go all in!

So, with nothing  
but the balls of a Spanish bull,  
a belief that love is all,  
a CD rom he had found on Amazon,  
and a pocket dictionary  
he flew to Helsinki.

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where the story ends  
I would hazard a guess  
and hope I'm wrong,  
but really hope this one makes it beyond...

'Finnish for Beginners'  
Chapter 1, on the CD rom.