

# A LITTLE PIECE OF ITALY, JUST FOR YOU

Dear *Traveler*

In Italy, beauty is not always grand or loud. Sometimes it hides in the quiet places — a dusty road lined with cypress trees, a vineyard that turns golden at sunset, a hill that holds the memory of generations.

This is the Italy we love and the one we hope you'll discover with us: authentic, timeless, made of small gestures and hidden paths. We want to share with you a short poem by Cesare Pavese, one of Italy's most beloved writers. In these verses, Pavese describes what it means to return to his hills — to find peace and life in familiar things: the vines, the fields, the white country roads. It's a reminder that true beauty often lives where the heart feels at home.

May these words travel with you, like a whisper from our land, wherever you go.

## I mari del Sud – Cesare Pavese (excerpt)

Tornato tra i colli  
trovo tutto com'era.  
La siepe, l'orto, il campo,  
la vigna, il muro rosa,  
le strade bianche e l'erba  
dove striscia una serpe,  
i fossi pieni d'acqua,  
le radici contorte,  
la terra che si screzia  
di lucertole vive.  
E sento che son vivo  
soltanto in questo cerchio  
di colline, di prati,  
di vigne, di sentieri,  
di case chiare al sole,  
di silenzio e di voci.  
Qui il cuore si fa quieto  
e ascolta il tempo andarsene,  
come un fiume che scorre  
dentro l'anima stanca.



## The Southern Seas – Cesare Pavese (excerpt)

Back among the hills,  
I find everything as it was.  
The hedge, the garden, the fields,  
the vineyard, the pink wall,  
the white roads and the grass  
where a snake slips away,  
the ditches full of water,  
the twisted roots,  
the earth flecked with living lizards.  
And I feel alive  
only within this circle  
of hills and meadows,  
of vineyards and paths,  
of sunlit houses,  
of silence and voices.  
Here the heart grows quiet  
and listens to time passing by,  
like a river flowing  
through a weary soul.

We hope, when you walk our hills and villages, you feel this same  
quiet beauty — the simple truth that Italy is not just a place, but  
a feeling that stays with you long after you've returned home.  
Thank you for letting us share our Italy with you.

With all our heart,

*The Discover Your Italy Team*

