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Dundee Dreaming by W.N.Herbert

Let culture inscribe on its banners
we hold these desires to be Deep Sea Dundonian:

that a giant organ be built into the banks of the Tay
to play shanties when the waves crash into it
that life-size whale sculptures should appear on the sandbanks
as the tide goes out
that folk in huge inflatable footballs should race across the river

that the Fifie be brought back like the mammoth from extinction
that the City Arcade be reopened beneath the Caird Hall

that a racing circuit for formula one grand prix
should run through the city centre streets and up the Kingsway
that sculptures of Oor Wullie's bucket be placed all over the toon
for fowk to sit doon
that Clarky's Bakery should open 25 hours a day

that the Royal Arch be rebuilt
the Overgate restored

that a cable car should go from the city centre up the Law
that the Law Hill be given over to unicorns for grazing in perpetuity
that the Law should be reinstated as a volcano
that the railway tunnel through the Law Hill should contain
one million lightbulbs for James Bowman Lindsay

that the spire on the top of the old Chamber of Commerce be completed
that the cobbles in Strawberry Bank be replaced by actual strawberries

that the holy stumps of the fallen rail bridge be illuminated
that something should be done about the wheelie bins on Peddie Street
that all the city's lights be turned off so the people may lie on their backs
strumming luminous ukuleles and watching the heavens
that the rings of Saturn rise and halo the Mills Observatory

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