

A SINGER

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A singer is a CIRCUS
Carney hawker, tight rope walker
Snake charmer, lion tamer, fire flamer
Hypnotist, contortionist
Clown

A singer is an ATHLETE
Breath long, will strong
Hand steady, muscles ready
Prodigious talent, exquisite balance
Mind relaxed, record time
Lightning fast, stop on a dime

A singer is a MASTER CHEF
Sweet, sour, savory, hot
Mmm mmm, stir up the pot!
Spice and seasoning connoisseur
Chemist, artist, cordon bleu
No haste, no waste, pure taste temptation
Jazz cooking with improvisation

A singer is a PAINTER
Landscape and ocean
Still life in motion
Mural on air, canvas of sound
Images beyond our bounds of
Proportion, harmony, color, line
Spiraling backward and forward in time

A singer is a SMALL TOWN BEAUTY SALON
Flair for hair
Care for body and soul
Ready to serve, day or night
Translate, bring forth inner light
An ear to listen to every story
Community history repository

A singer is a VOLCANO
Rumbling, channeling, deep in the earth
Tunneling up, cracking the sur-face
Fire bursting forth to the sky
Meeting the ocean, freezing time

A singer is a CHAMELEON
Red clay, golden sand
Reflect the ground on which it stands
Hip hop, opera, cabaret
High and lonesome mountain wail
Disappear, reappear
As work song, lullaby, rhythm n blues
Zyedeco, flamenco, follow the muse

A singer is a SUPER HERO
Leap tall buildings in a single sound
Land unharmed on the ground
Invisible cloak, X-ray vision
Spot trouble... instant decision
Catch the villains, change their heart
Save the earth, making art

A singer gets out of the way
To let the song come through

Let the song come through