

NOVA KAKHOVKA - THE TOWN OF GARDENS

A Lyrical Essay

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The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines the Garden of Eden as a place of abundant beauty. The Town of Nova Kakhovka has the most colorful gardens, wonderful river islands with gold-sanded beaches, gorgeous wild woods, peaceful parks, tremendously cute houses and an omnipotent cathedral. Also, there are marvelous monuments and excellent statues, a terrific dam, fabulous art museums and an incredible Palace of Culture. The Town of Eden – Nova Kakhovka – my home and the reason my heart makes these awesome beats.

How amazing your extraordinary flashy streets are! They are vivid and bright to any attentive eye. The charming boulevards lure with valleys of delightful flowers elegantly set up. During the warm seasons we have a mind-blowing chance to observe all your natural beauty dressed in roses, orchids, irises, gladioluses, and the most popular flowers of my divine Fatherland Ukraine – sunflowers...

The pretty islands of yours are the shiny diamonds on the face of our angelic River – the Dnipro. Carrying the names of Golden Sands, our gratifying islands host many rest-seeking people each summer. The smells of BBQ grills and the tasty smoke are a common thing to witness while the weather is adequately soft...What a mysterious forest that stuns the soul! It holds pines that are splendid; the spruces are cute and, of course, smell good. Every park is a refuge, for it guides us through stress and gives us proper comfort and rest. The most famous are Park of Glory and the River Front Alley, which are always filled with romantic young lovers and happy seniors.

The houses in the town resemble fairy-tale '*Gingerbread*': adorable houses brag about their prodigious style by showing off their unique architecture. The colors of yellow, blue, orange and green have pleasantly painted my complacent town into a merry rainbow. And how about our almighty bronze guards, standing on their pedestals like kings of the ancient world: Shevchenko is our symbol of literary arts and a painter of extraordinary dreams, Dovzhenko stands at the glorifying platform, and we are grateful to him for his tremendous impact on our progressive outstanding attitude. There are also obelisks for the town's distinguished performance in the matters of national service, sanctified plates for our national eternal heroes – their epic chivalry has kept our courageous Ukraine on the maps of Europe throughout the everlasting geopolitical conflicts. The ecstatic mentors and writers of my jubilant Ukraine! Very supernatural and powerful you are guarding our sacramental lands...

Since 1952 our significant town has been placed on the maps of our glorious Fatherland – my Ukraine that I treasure with all my heart and soul. Only half a decade ago we used to provide many careers within the field of engineering for many hopeful people who joined the standout crew of professionals on our impressive factories: the Sokil produced important military equipment, ElectroMash put together inspiring engines. The dam is strikingly effective in making sure that our nation always has electricity. The dam is our rapturous and immaculate piece of engineering art that provides light for our nation and bread for many local families. Our fertile soils made it possible to establish the world-wide known wine factory, the Tavriya, where remarkable men and women are laboring on luxurious farms – they make the most delicious wine in the whole country.

My sweetest town of Nova Kakhovka has given tickets to life to many gifted and talented students. As a point of fact, our ten schools are the keystone of the

best and brightest minds. The astonishing five colleges and a university contribute to our world many amazing specialists majoring in electrical engineering, physics, law enforcement, agricultural management, accounting, and a numberless legion of other useful fields.

With the astonishing Cathedral of Saint Andrew's we shall conclude this divine tour – so pure this sacred gold-domed structure is for sure. The Sunday choir's joyous songs will cheer our souls, inviting us to the church as I am inviting you who reads these thrilling words to visit my town. I love you, home, I love you Nova Kakhovka, I love you the Holy Garden of Eden!

Based on the author's own experience

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