

Contents

Prologue	4
1. The Undergrads Become Transfigured in a Hong Kong Music Hall	56
2. Exercises in Harmony and Counterpoint Are Tried in a Court of Ancient Ritual	67
3. The Romancing of a Pathologic Liar Comes to an Inspired End	77
4. A Soul Tormented Contemporary Music Finds a Humanizing Alchemy	87
5. Visions Fill the Eyes of a Defeated Basketball Team in the Shower Room	99
6. Euphoria Descends a Sausalito Stairway	115
7. Two Detectives on the Trail of a Tricky Culprit Turn in Their Badges	123
8. A Court in Its Own Contempt Rises to a Motherly Apotheosis	133
9. A Lost Political Soul Finds Himself Among the Voteless Women of Paradise	141
10. The Cognoscenti Are Plunged Into a Demonic Descent While at Cocktails	153
Epilogue	180