

THE INTERSTENO ANTHEM - "Verba Manent" (The Spoken Word Remains)

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Attention, trois, deux, un... (WHISTLE BLOWS, SUPERPOSED DICTATIONS, SOUND OF TYPEWRITERS)

(intro) Intersteno! Intersteno!
Oh, long live Intersteno!
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Inspired by Tiro preserving Cicero
And by the great transcribers of the modern age –
From Sir Gibson to Racine, as Intersteno, we convene
To humbly add our own names to the page.

(refrain) Verba volant, verba volant -
The spoken word flies away.
Scripta manent, scripta manent -
The written word remains...
But Intersteno captures words
so the spoken word remains!
Verba manent, verba manent –
The spoken word remains!

(Instrumental)

An extended international family
Made of hundreds of friends, collectively.
Delegates who discuss our craft respectfully.
Intersteno! Intersteno! Intersteno! Intersteno! Intersteno!

(refrain)

From pencils and papers, to fingers and keys
To voices and screens and fast minds and machines.
Writing and editing, fingers that fly –
Capturing speech before words can fly by.

(refrain)

"Clever! Open-minded! Alert!" is our creed.
We make our advances with thought, care and speed.
Immaculate, accurate, always complete,
With excellent sportsmanship when we compete.

Clackity-clackity-clackity-clackity-CLACK!
Clackity-clackity-clackity-clackity-CLACK!
Clackity-clackity-clackity-clackity-CLACK!
Clackity-clackity-clackity-clackity-CLACK!
Clackity-clackity-clackity-clackity-DING! (x 3)

(WHISTLE BLOWS)

Intersteno!