

WE ITALIANS

We're about saluting a flag that welcomed our ancestors into this country many years ago

We're about love of life and enjoying the moment

We're about kissing and embracing

We're about emotion

We're so often about responding from the heart

We're about feelings

We're about crying in Joy as well as in sadness

We're about giving not taking

We're about cooperation and collaboration

We're about tradition

We're about Sunday pasta and home made wine

We're about dialects, northern and southern

We're about fair press for all Italian Americans

We're about suppressing insidious acts of discrimination against all people especially Italian American

We're about scholarship and proliferation of the Italian language and culture

We're about landscapers, contactors, teachers, doctors, artists and lawyers

We're about DaVinci, Michelangelo, DiMaggio, DeNiro, Pavorotti, Scalia, Nicolai, DiFiore, Vergari,

Spano, Indelicato, Idoni, Scarpino, and the Generoso Pope Foundation

We're about good food, good wine and good cheese cut with the good knife

We're about antipasto, prosciutto and zeppoli

We're about Rome, Abruzzi, Sicily and Tuscany

We're about Arthur Avenue, Silver Lake, West New Rochelle, North Yonkers and Mulberry Street

We're about Heritage and its perpetuation

We're about our past, present and future

We're about time

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VIABBRACCIO DIVERO CUORE:

I EMBRACE YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART