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Italy 1968 (Super8, 15', b/n)

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SYNOPSIS

200 feet for march 31st

Most of this film was shot within one day, 31 March 1968, and edited in the camera. It is divided in six episodes following an ancient Indian text, Katha Upanishad, in which a young man, Nakiketa, converses with Death. Every section presents an event of that day and refers to a writer and a painter. The story moves from a room to a garden to a quiet water-surface as the afternoon goes on. Then there is an amorous encounter, a bit of fun among youngsters playing cops and robbers, and a boy and girl quietly awaiting the night.

"The six 'Vallis' or branches (as they are called in the Upanishad), each ten meters or thirtythree feet long, evoke the excitement of a spring day in which simple events bring to the mind of the implicit protagonist bits from his reading and the visual arts. Thus he is briefly haunted by (1) Ezra Pound and Kandinsky, (2) Stran Brakhage's images and words, (3) e.e. cummings and Botticelli's Spring, (4) John Donne, Aubrey Beardsley and Hieronymus Bosch, (5) Lawrence Durrell and Caravaggio, (6) The Upanishads and Piero della Francesca. But, as Andreas Weiland commented in a poem: 'Let us not talk of how & to whom homage was paid, let us talk of this: / The Discovery of the Word / it is surely something to see'".
