THE MAN WHO'S CALLED DAVE LAVENTHOL

by Calvin Trillin

Who's so low-key a quiet drawl
Is, next to him, a caterwaul?
Whose key is lowest of them all?
The man who's called Dave Laventhol.

Though Style was what he aimed to call
His section, as if in the mall,
Who dressed like he'd been in a squall?
The man who's called Dave Laventhol.

As CEO, who didn't brawl
Or strut around like Charles DeGaulle,
But calmed, like phenobarbital?
The man who's called Dave Laventhol.

Who, raising funds, will work the hall
To cadge donations big and small
From everyone with wherewithal?
The man who's called Dave Laventhol.

So isn't it time that we gave
A toast and a cheer for our Dave?

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