

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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