

## **The Master Architect; Andrea Palladio**

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*Sung to the tune of "I Am the Very Model of a Modern Major General"*

*by Gilbert and Sullivan*

I am the master architect by name Andrea Palladio  
Believing all can be explained by careful count then placed just so

My buildings are all modeled on the ancient styles from Roman times  
Unknown to me my style's unique  
Admired throughout modern times.

The windows are lined up and down like soldiers even in a row  
Directly in the middle, centered, enter through the portico

I'm very good at dentil molding placed on each entablature  
There's pediments and columns too, encompassing the vast grandeur

My architecture is all even, balanced and symmetrical  
The proportion is described as being very mathematical

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I am the master architect by name Andrea Palladio

I am obsessed with order pattern balance rhythm symmetry  
From Georgian Times through Federal Times  
The architects all copied ME

My biggest fan in Federal Times was writer Thomas Jefferson  
Today's would be detective Monk  
He'd love the order and the calm.

My style is copied far and wide in public buildings in each town  
The State House, White House, Capitol ,  
Each building is the region's crown

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The windows called Palladian are arched on top  
Then flanked by two

They line up straight above the centered door that you will enter through  
Into this entry all with ordered minds are welcome  
In you go  
You'll find some wings and oval rooms  
Within it's quite a balanced show.

My buildings feature pediments  
The columns in the orders three  
Doric; short and simple topped, is the most simple, you'd agree  
Ionic looks like rolls that sit upon the top a fluted shaft  
Corinthian; ecanthus leaves (curl up upon a ladies hat)

The elements prodigious in proportions' visual symphony  
All symbolic of the Universe's universal harmony,

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