

Charm City Vegan

Here's a review of Baltimore's Liquid Earth Restaurant from Katie, followed by some words of wisdom from the poet Percy Shelley, courtesy of the poet Sandra Miller!

The Holy Grail: A Great Vegan Reuben

by Katie Fisher

The food item I remember most vividly from my (benighted, pre-vegan) college years in Baltimore is the Reuben sandwich, that rich, grilled edifice of meat, cheese, Russian dressing, and the sauerkraut that brings it all together. Back then, in that seafood- and meat-happy city, about the only un-animal thing you might find at one of the famous markets was fresh vegetables, and you'd be lucky to get a green salad at a restaurant.

Has that ever changed! Happy Cow now lists [116 restaurants](#) in Baltimore where you can find vegan options (or check out the more manageable [vegan/vegetarian top 10](#) list). If I lived in my old south B'more apartment today I could walk over to the Cross Street Market and enjoy a veggie burger at Gangster Vegan Organics, or pop up to Little Italy for a vegan pizza at Angeli's Pizzeria. If I found myself at the Baltimore Museum of Art I could choose from five vegan options at its upscale cafe. On the campus of my alma mater, UMBC, I could now find numerous vegan options, such as veggie taco salad and Szechuan tofu.

Recently John and I spent the day in Charlotte and had lunch at the mysterious



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An Early Voice Against Meat: Percy Shelley



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Shelley urged, "By all that is sacred in our hopes for the human race, I conjure those who love happiness and truth, to give a fair trial to the vegetable system."

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