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## Nick Granato "Once Upon A Paradise"

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There once was an island, with sands as white as snow, Where fishes ruled the waters, and the sea was free to flow.

The breeze blew through the palm trees,

And the sand dunes touched the sun

Such beauty that man could not describe,

Once upon a paradise

Then one day some strangers came, captivated by the sights,

They made a home along the shores and lived a peaceful life

Soon others came to join them, and in the balance they all thrived.

Respecting all around them for a while,

Once upon a paradise…

But the winds of change were not so kind

And progress bargained in disguise,

Promising prosperity and better way of life

So they paved the sand and walled the sea,

And turned the dunes into concrete,

And created what they all thought would be niceâ€!

Once upon a paradise…

There once was an island, where people swarmed the streets.

Boats cluttered up the waters, and buildings hid the

They could have left a little, but greed made them take it all.

They buried all their treasures for a price,

Once upon a paradise…

So they rearranged the palm trees and changed around the shore,

Now the only site there left to see is one most can't afford,

And everyday they fight the waves as it tries to regain ground,

And everyone thinks that it's all right…

It's a shame that no one bothered to think twiceâ€!

Once upon a paradise…

There once was and island, with such beauty rare to find.

We all know how the story goes …

Once upon a paradise…
Yes we all know how the story ends each time…
Once upon a paradise….
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