

To Be Alone

When she loved to be alone,
she would swing on trees
snapping all the branches,
tugging at the leaves.

Dancing with the wind
she sang beautiful
songs, trotting on and on.

She would run through the forest,
past all the trees.
She would run to the ocean's edge,
and right up to the sea.

When she stood on the brink of the cliff,
she felt free,
away from mischief.

She smiled as the great summer's breeze
blew lightly on her cheeks.

As she gazed upon the glistening waters
and silver sand dollars,
she was reminded of her late mother
and daughters.

Her songs fell,
left not to exist
and tears whimpered from the ocean's mist.

She sat on the edge of that cliff
and crossed her arms frozen stiff.

Her vanilla dress sagged low,
all the pink flowers that lined its bell
washed away in the undertow.

The curls in her hair fell loose to a ragged bush.
Her tears slowly grew to rivers,
and the wind gave her a push.

Her face flushed red in her sob,
while her pearly white smile
was evidently robbed.

Her cheeks flooded by the wet streams,

while she noticed clouds covering the sun's last beam.

Her mood turned gray and bland,
yet she sat on the land
and knew
she must not let this sadness expand.

The girl thought of happy rainy thoughts:
jumping in puddles
and picking tomatoes before they rot.

She thought about
jumping off the cliff to the sharks
and swallowing the mold of the
crop.

She longed to be like the trees,
they were never alone,
they had the leaves of the other trees,

the ocean was never alone,
it had the lighthouse
watching it go,

the cliff was never alone,
it had the girl,
but the girl always felt alone.

Forever she would talk to the trees,
but they would mind their business to the leaves,
forever she would talk to the ocean
but it would never listen,
forever she would talk to the cliff
and it would listen
but it was always wordless.

She yearned to be like the trees or the ocean.
Though, forever she loved the cliff,
and refused to let it go,

forever she would have to love to be alone.