

Shores of Serenity

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Encompassed by the Atlantic, concealed by an ethereal mist,
The tranquility of isle living is found in the midst.

Between each strategically placed cobblestone,
Sand and shattered seashells rest until they're blown.

Colossal cottages divided by picketed fence,
Are found to be captivating to every sense.

A pale, rusty copper is worn like the brick-red sidewalks strolled on,
Next to dew-dropped flowers flourishing in window boxes on streets upon.

Sun-bleached shingles and moistened, peeling paint,
Fortuitously craft an image of a scene quite quaint.

Bicycles, with carefully woven baskets, voyage through side streets,
Echoing the Essex and its purpose before meeting its defeat.

In Sconset's evening silence, glistening stars paint the sky,
With the moon gleaming, I feel the arms of nature give out a sigh.

Below my worn soul, this land whispers peace,
Deserving more than extol, it's an oasis in which life will never cease.

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