I am Calypso,

And nobody can stay

On this island

Made for one;

So the warning goes.

I have wondered

What I did before

To earn this prison,

Struggled to

Remember past lives,

Where I must have done

Terrible things

To deserve this desert

That floats in deseret

An island of

Waiting,

Finding,

Falling,

And being left behind.

Yes,

They always say

They love me,

But none of them stay.

Just stay!

I entreat,

But they don’t;

They can’t.

It is my inheritance.

I cannot escape it.

You may try to

Cheat fate,

You may drive

Destiny to its knees,

But you will leave me,

Willingly,

After a time.

There is no contest.

You certainly,

Surely will depart,

As each and every did before,

And burn a notch

Into my heart

As you pass

Under my pine trees,

The only thing

I am not allergic to,

The only beings

Who will leave with me,

And not before,

My only allies in this war.