*Bird of Paradise*

You are my bird of paradise,

The girl of my tropical dreams,

Near turquoise seas and hibiscus flowers

And foliage that glints and gleams.

You are my bird of paradise,

A goddess fallen to earth,

By coral sands and waving palms,

Like the sun kissing the surf.

You are my bird of paradise,

A creature of shapely form,

With an enchanting smile and shining eyes,

And a heart most kind and warm.

You are my bird of paradise,

A species of exotic being,

Below volcanic cones and forest streams

Where believing is indeed seeing.

You are that bird of paradise,

Who I will love to my dying day,

Come monsoons and wild hurricanes…

Till my last breath is cast away.