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## Heaven on Earth

by Jill Semmer

I live in the watery heavens,  
Belonging to something far greater than the earth,  
More beautiful than life itself.  
I swim in the enchanted waters,  
in my own realm,

separate from you.

I am curious of you, though  
you and your silly ways.

Look at my family-  
how magnificent they are.

Yes, I know your word "family":  
everyone of my kind that I love  
and would die for.

Watch us, for that is all you can do is look.

Mothers, fathers, and children,  
harmony of the sea

leaping together, side by side, in perfect unison  
but to our own rhythm

more breath-taking than you dance, more moving than your song.

The water breaks and follows us upward  
leaping over, out, up-

up towards the moon, the stars, the sun.

The sun glistens off our slender figures,  
as the ripples dance below.

I arch my body with pride  
and pause

suspended in air

gently caressing the wind

feeling its touch on my skin, soft and delicate  
like that of a child.

I dive back to the depths from which I come.  
I reappear quickly, with my smile-  
the smile that touches the heart of man.  
You say that is the only expression that I can make,  
but you don't understand me  
I grin at you,  
the only expression I think is worth making.  
Your sad eyes look at me with wonder  
and I return your stare  
with eyes that hide the answers  
to anything you might ever care to know.  
But, you don't listen to me.  
I watch you for a while  
and pray for you.  
Then I gracefully disappear  
wild and free  
into the depths of a world that you will never comprehend  
to the beauty and harmony of the waters  
that only a dolphin knows-  
Heaven on Earth.

