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As the wind blows the clouds away, I will take with me—
clear blue skies
whispers of the sea splashing upon the seashore
the morning sun touching the pebbles
making them sparkle like diamonds
narrow streets full of laughter
the sounds of children playing
grandmother's hand softly patting children's hair
sending him off to school with a kiss on the cheek
the fragrance of the earth after spring's first rainfall
long walks by the seafront in the afternoon
soft drinks at cafes where the boys and girls gathered
memories of a long, easy life that has been lost—
the villages of the past, lost—

the laborers do not climb the steep hillside with their ponies
to get to their orange groves
the happiness of growing up among people who care for one another
not because they had to, but because they were people
I would come back to the village life if it was still there
but it's gone forever, the new modern age took its place

but the memories of the old days
stay with me—
forever to treasure and never forget