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Ode to the Isle of Calypso

Maurice Qullinan

The Isle we love, the Isle of the Middle Sea
Whose honeyed rocks bear tales of mystery.
With people bronzed and ladies fair
and wild flowers nodding in the shimmering air.

The Phoenician came and then the Greek;
With faces grim, rich trade they seek;
The Romans too stayed here awhile
While Calypso watched with indulgent smile.

Its golden sands, a tale can tell
For they knew the keel of the Infidel,
With flashing blade they leaped ashore
And with heathen cry they onward bore.

Down through the years, and with courage grim
They answered sword with sword and Hymn.
Time and time the villas burn
But fate at the tide did turn.

Peace now comes, the church bells call
To child and parent, one and all;
The sun shines bright, the valleys green
And thanks from all to the Great Unseen.

[Maurice Qullinan is a retired port director

Jintemm hawnhekk ix-xaghri

J. W. Psaila

Ma' dan il-blokk konkrit...
U zzejnet ir-rummiena
Dis-sena bl-ahhar zahar...

Sena ohra d-dawl jintebaq,
Jghattih l-ahhar sular.

Ma nafx jigux dis-sena
It-tfal jaqtghulha l-pipi...

Ma nafx jigux jixxabtu
Maz-zkuk ghall-avventura,

Jedhew illum bhal dari

Fi-loghba man-natura...

Illum m'ghadhomx jilghabu

B'li sabu, fejn jinsabu,

Il-hin ipprogrammat

Bil-loghob konfezzjonat...

Ga fgajna fit-tnissija

Is-seher tat-tfulija...

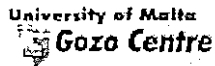
Qridnielha l-lewn tar-ruh,

Pitghada nwelldu x-xjuh.

who lives at Limerick, Ireland. He was on a long holiday in Gozo some time ago]

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