

The Island

Tom turned away from the ocean and looked around	9
him. Big clouds were gathering overhead, and the wind was	19
whispering among the treetops. The air felt fresh and cool.	29
Tom was alone, yet he had no fear in this place of quiet	42
beauty.	43
He decided to climb a tree for a look around the island.	55
So he took off his heavy jacket and laid it on the ground near	69
the water's edge. He laid his banana next to the jacket and let	82
the candy bar remain in the pocket. He would save them until	94
he was hungry.	97
Though the tree was tall, it was easier to climb than he	109
had expected. From a high branch, he could see almost the	120
whole island. There wasn't a sign of life anywhere. He sat	131
there quietly for a long time, enjoying the beauty all around	142
him.	143