a voice

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Away in the distance

I hear a voice.

Not one too soft

Nor one too harsh.

It calls my name

I frantically search.

But it is so far

So out of reach.

At first I walk,

Great care in each step.

I start to run

And begin to sweat.

I hear it again,

This time close.

I stop a moment

To catch a breath.

And feel a touch

On the back of my neck.

I turn around

And there I see,

A small child

Gazing before me.

Her hair is in knots,

Her belongings in a sack.

Her cheeks are flushed red,

Her eyes are black.

I stare at her with frightened eyes,

And open my mouth to speak.

Gracefully, ever so gracefully,

She lifts her finger

And places it upon my lips.

She turns around in one swift motion

And leaves without one notion.

Her eyes: forevermore, Her voice: nevermore.