



On a summer's day when the
sun rose like a yellow yolk in the sky,
Jasmine found herself walking in the forest.

As she moved along, the trees became denser, the light
more muted and there was a gentle coolness in the air.
Walking grew difficult for Jasmine because the brambles
seemed to be creeping up her legs. When she tried to rid
herself of them, she heard the distant sound of water.

The closer she got to the sound, the scantier the
trees became and the brighter the light.

Then she reached a glade. She saw
a waterfall ahead.



Jasmine went over to the waterfall and saw there was a cave precisely where the water fell from high above. Skipping from stone to stone she reached the entrance to the cave and went in. There was a blue lustrous lake inside and there were red fish in the lake. She opened her mouth to speak but the fish could not hear her due to the splashing of the water. When she shouted to make herself heard, the lake suddenly turned into a sea!

At the bottom of the sea was a huge, shiny oyster shell. It was open.

Jasmine suddenly realized how tired she was.
She slipped inside the oyster and lay down on
the shell's smooth mother-of-pearl.
Her eyes closed.

She heard a voice saying, "Sweetie, wake up!"

She woke up and poked her head outside the
shell but there was nobody about. She was still
on a lake inside a cave.

