The Piper's "Paradise"

Oh, those sweet, beautiful notes, they lured us all,

Clapping and skipping and singing together,

Ready to forget our mundane lives forever.

The piper promised a world of beauty,

Of meadows and flowers and never ending joy.

A blinding light shone before me,

We gazed into its wonderful glory,

I trembled in anticipation,

Would we now see the land of his stories?

And would it be as flawless as we hoped?

My heart racing, I stepped through the light,

And gasped in my utter delight.

As far as I could see, lush grass stretched through the horizon,

And gentle waterfalls trickled, crystal clear as diamond.

What was this place, and why were we here?

The other children were crying out with pleasure

Lambs frolicked through the meadows, where we would sit at leisure Elegant swans glided through the pools,

And everywhere I looked there was happiness,

Above were colourful rainbows.

Never did we realise that the Piper had us trapped,

We would never leave this strange world of his,

We would never go to school again.

He had used us, stolen our lives to prove a point,

Stolen our futures and the bonds we'd made in years.

Suddenly I missed my mundane life,

My family, my village, everything I'd ever known

Was gone.

I tore towards the exit, but through the light was blocked,

Where was my home? What had I done?

I wanted my life back, not this fake paradise,

I hated the Piper, I hated his world,

And the rats, oh the rats, how silly they seemed now,

How I longed the Piper had left us alone, oh how.