

Barro Colorado, Dreamland

When I discovered I would meet you, I was so excited,
My whole body trembled as I headed out,
How marvelous was the journey towards your lands,
Peaceful and brimming with life.

Your green trees, your blue skies,
The yellow *guayacan* blossoms, your waters and their stories;
The entryway to beauty, dreams and wonder
That can only be found in your 15 Km².

I arrived seeking experiences, learning and freedom,
I arrived unguided and now I know how to move forward.
You gave me splendid friends, dreams and opportunities
And you found your place, even in my identity.

You are extraordinary, magnificent, amazing, wonderful,
Beautiful, fascinating, admirable and portentous.
Always bathed in rain and sun; dressed in richness
And perfumed by nature.

Panama's Natural Monument, Barro Colorado, treasure of the universe,
How huge you seem, how impressive and unique,
Attractive and interesting without a doubt,
As multitudes long to study your red lands,

Paint me with your greens, make me smile with your surprises and colors,
You are my present and my crossing into the future.
May your land be ever-fertile and your flora and fauna live on forever,
And may your good favor magnify lives.

Janitce Harwood, "JaHa"

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