

## White Sands

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the white sands of Fraser  
attract miners like bees to honey  
temporarily thwarted by the public  
that value pristine islands,  
spotless beaches and unique environments  
above money

but miners are patient, the mineral allure  
is too strong to resist

though while i live at least,  
the island would remain  
as it was/is

the pure white ocean beach and inland sands  
will not be devastated by greed,  
the great sandy island they once named it  
is momentarily protected from rapacious  
miners

value is relative --  
following a creek that  
empties ancient pure fresh water into the sea  
i found a spiral sea shell  
that was not part of the local sea fauna,  
who knows how long it was buried  
in the preserving sands or how it managed  
its way so far inland, but time offers an answer?

as the sandy island was formed slowly by tides  
dumping sand until vegetation took hold and stabilised  
the shifting sands which attracted more sand from tides  
until the largest sand island was formed off the  
australian coast

if the shell could speak it would reveal its history  
yet it has another more profound message  
the spiral of its formation is a letter  
from the milky way  
signing its ownership over everything  
in our solar system and the white sands  
of Fraser

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