## The Saddle of the Sea

By Margaret Kelly

As I sit and look upon the saddle rock

The waves at its foot like a frilly frock

Bringing comfort and reassurance of the world's continuity and endurance

How many have sat and admired as it rode the sea and never tired

Sometimes a sea of peaceful beauty or, at others, a storm-filled fury

From Brackna, Sandport, Port Mor or the pier

It may seem to some cold and austere

But to the man who toils the sea, a welcome beacon it must surely be

If it could only its story tell, of the changes wrought by ebb and swell

Being at once the bountiful giver and a purveyor of death, making us shiver

But its power and beauty are like an addiction and I wallow in its glorious perfection

As I watch a wave, another chasing, a salty taste upon my lips and pulses racing

This wild and wind-swept coast will forever be the place I love the most

And, in my heart, it gives me pleasure to close my eyes and view my seascape treasure