

## OUR LADY OF MONTSERRAT

Our Lady of Montserrat, her shrine can be found  
In a magnificent church where beauty abounds.  
The stained glass windows create such an aura,  
The impact of which can last forever.

Perched upon the Montserrat Hills,  
This church overlooks plains and rills.  
The Statue of Mary was brought from Spain  
And being housed here, She got her name.

Her Feast Day is celebrated once a year,  
Pilgrims come from far and near.  
On Sunday nearest eighth of September  
We pray, sing and honour Her.

A procession through the streets is the norm  
With Mary being driven in a stately form.  
Showers of petals upon Her are strewn  
Bringing the walk to an end all too soon.

Many miracles are said to have been wrought  
And precious jewels in thanksgiving to Her were once brought.  
The Black Madonna as She is also known  
Once had the churchyard Grotto as Her home.

Did I tell you this all happens in Tortuga,  
A quiet, little village to many not familiar?  
Our Lady Of Montserrat, pray for us,  
For without You and your Son, we will all be lost.

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