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By Hannah See

On a fair-weather day  
Flew a fairly weathered bird  
On his way to his home by the sea.  
Sailing over sea-foam rifts  
And adjusting to wind shifts  
The harsh but tranquil waves set him free.

As he flew closer still  
To his home on the hill,  
The lonely albatross spied a tree.  
Bent over and forgotten,  
Bare limbs almost rotten,  
Twisted, marled, salted by the sea.

All alone on a limb  
A single beauty captured him,  
A blossom that was white as the snow.  
The albatross decided  
The waves had surely guided  
Him to the gnarled tree where blossoms grow.

So the great bird took a seat  
Where he found his joy complete  
With the hope of new life as company.  
Then they watched the jeweled blue,  
Wispy clouds, sunrises too,  
And there they made their home by the sea.