

THE GARDEN OF DECEPTION

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In the garden of deception you will find
roses, carnation lilacs and daisies
tall oaks and powerful pines
frisky squirrels and playful bunnies
luscious berries and tantalizing apples
But beware of what lies underneath.

In the garden of deception you will find
that the peace and beauty is a façade
they are only lures for straying souls
temptation tugs and pulls them in
they can only see the goodness therein
For the dangers are hidden underneath.

In the garden of deception, beyond its glory
lies an evil force that awaits us all
it teases with a never satisfied thirst
and an unquenchable hunger that rages on
leaving all partakers longing for more
They're sinking to the darkness underneath.

In the garden of deception lies an addiction
to some it is of drink and to others food
some yearn for drugs and others for risk
they're held captive by the beauty before them
and the darkness holding them in
they're unaware they're living not in the garden
But underneath.

