

The Starfish | Ka Hôkû Kai

The Tale of the Starfish



"I MADE A DIFFERENCE FOR THAT ONE."

ONCE UPON A TIME, there was a

wise kupuna (elder) who went to the

sea to contemplate. The kupuna saw

a keiki (child) reaching into the

sand and gently throwing something

into the sea. The kupuna called out

"Aloha! What are you doing?"

The keiki looked up and replied,

"Throwing starfish into the sea."

"WHY?" the kupuna asked. The keiki

smiled brightly and replied, **"The sun is**

up, and the tide is going out. If I don't

throw them in, they will die." **"But there**

are miles of beach and starfish all along it?

You can't possibly make a difference!"

The keiki listened politely, picked up

another starfish, threw it gently into

the sea, and exuberantly declared,

"I made a difference for that one."

