

# 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."**

