

# Venice Beach

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Venice beach is poppin' like live shrimp dropped on a hot walk  
Hucksters, hustlers and hawkers set up their boardwalk shops  
Home for all the homeless, hopeless well-heeled and deranged  
Still nothin' here seems out of place or strange

There's an old smudge of a beatnik by the bay  
Lookin' like a dog who's had his day like a dream he drifts away  
He likes to go out on the pier to hear the reedy carousel  
It's got a melody that sets you free and says  
Let's set a spell just to hear the heartbeat in LA