

## Civilization

Bottle caps, plastic bottles stranded throughout our *playa*.  
Is this civilization?

Rusty cans staining our pearly sands,  
Is this civilization?

Plastic bags strangling our seas fish,  
Is this civilization?

Rotten litter peppers our golden sands.  
This is not civilization.

One can not mask pollution as civilization;  
Neither can one mask civilization as pollution.