

## Tropical Flesh Mandala

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Lying out there on the beach,  
Was a pleasant growth.  
In the reach of me and you,  
In the reach of both.  
Tropical Flesh, Mandala.  
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Floating in a moist exotic pool,  
Feeling so good natured I could drool.  
So I took a photograph,  
So there'd be no doubt.  
But when I got the pictures back  
None of them came out.  
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Underneath your ribcage and your skin,  
Honey there's a new way to get in.  
It was covered in pink scales,  
Lots of tiny feathers.  
Valves that opened up and closed,  
Very tight together.  
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On the night the creature came ashore,  
Someone told Joanna what they're for