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It's a song of sensuality that entices men everywhere to dream. It evokes the fantasy of an exotic beach where warm waves kiss the shore, where breezes whisper through the palms, and where there is a woman, a dream woman, an ideal woman who embodies the elusive essence of everything that is desirable.

The song was composed for a musical comedy entitled *Dirigível* (Blimp), then a work-in-progress of

Vinícius

de Moraes

. The original title was

Menina que Passa (The Girl Who Passes By)

; the famous first verse was different.

Tom Jobim

composed the melody on his piano in his new house in Rua Barão da Torre, in Ipanema.

In 1962 Jobim saw the girl.

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Ipanema is a trendy, rather artsy neighborhood in south Rio de Janeiro. To the west is the upscale area of Leblon and to the east is Aprozador and Copacabana.

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From a black and white photo of Vinícius de Moraes, the Brazilian poet, songwriter, and lyricist, looking thoughtful with his hand to his chin.



A black and white photograph showing a busy beach scene with many people walking and sunbathing.



A black and white photograph of a woman sitting on a beach, reading a book.



A black and white portrait of Getúlio Vargas, the 16th President of Brazil.



A black and white photograph of a woman walking on a beach, with a musical score visible in the foreground.



A black and white photograph of a beach scene with mountains in the background.



A color photograph of a woman in a bikini sitting in a car.