Inversion Exercise 1

Change the sentences so that they use inversion. For example:

We had hardly arrived when Julie burst into the house.

→ Hardly had we arrived when Julie burst into the house.

1. John had never been to such a fantastic restaurant.

2. I in no way want to be associated with this project.

3. They had no sooner eaten dinner than the ceiling crashed onto the dining table.

4. I had scarcely finished writing my essay when the examiner announced the end of the exam.

5. I seldom leave my house so early.

6. People rarely appreciate this musician’s talent.

7. We would understand what had happened that night only later.

8. They had met such rude people nowhere before.

9. He understood little about the situation.

10. The children should on no account go on their own.
Answers to Inversion Exercise 1

1. Never had John been to such a fantastic restaurant.
2. In no way do I want to be associated with this project.
3. No sooner had they eaten dinner than the ceiling crashed onto the dining table.
4. Scarcely had I finished writing my essay when the examiner announced the end of the exam.
5. Seldom do I leave my house so early.
6. Rarely do people appreciate this musician’s talent.
7. Only later would we understand what had happened that night.
8. Nowhere had they met such rude people before.
9. Little did he understand about the situation.
10. On no account should the children go on their own.