

## **The Caged Bird**

Tonight I heard the caged bird sing,  
A song of muted freedom;  
A dirge to flight she could not take,  
A cage she could not flee from.

Tonight I heard the caged bird sing,  
A song of bitter sadness;  
Her heart contained within the notes,  
That once she sang in gladness.

Tonight I heard the caged bird sing,  
My soul in song revealed;  
And so we two in song conjoined,  
And in that song a loss revealed.

Tonight I heard the caged bird sing,  
In lyrics of forgotten pain;  
Tonight her prison will I destroy,  
By mornings light her freedom gain.

Tonight I heard the caged bird sing,  
And joined my song to her refrain;  
For in the morrow will we soar,  
Unfettered by this mortal chain.