

Caged

A Pair of Visiting Canaries in Their Cage
Chirping on the Front Porch
Flitting From Perch to Perch
Pecking At Seed Pots
Peering Out the Windows
To the World Beyond.

Entertainment.....Enjoyment?
For Whom?

Cage, Kennel, Fenced Yard, House, Paddock...
Containers of Restriction
Holding Wild Ones
In Lifetime Restraint.

Is This Punishment.....Imprisonment?
What Did They Do Wrong?

Pets....
Creatures Captured/Cultivated
From the Wild
We Allow Ourselves to Confine
As If Our Attention
Fulfills Their Lives.

Pets....
A Tradition of Prisoners
Taken With Cuddly Excuses
To Feed Our Egos,
To Compensate Ourselves
For Our Weak Relations with Our Own.

Been There.....
A Lifetime of Periodic Visits
To the Animal Shelter
To Adopt a "Rescue" Dog;

! Arrogant Compassion !