

"Penitentiary Theater"

Plays are my Psalms sung unto God, someone once told me
Stories staged to bless the condemned
A portrait of deliverance or chaos, freeing the hopeless for just a few short hours
We are all actors behind the razor wire
Moment by moment, one scene at a time
I feel alive portraying these roles
The struggles of the confined
This is where my redemption dwells
A purpose revealed to this mass population
A dedicated legacy defined
Standing ovation
The curtain closes

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Thank You

FOR READING!

Below are some questions to reflect on from this piece. Feel free to also use one as a conversation starter with a fellow reader, or even a loved one on the outside!

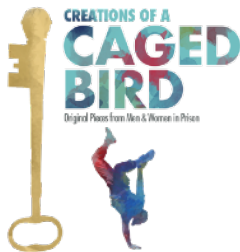
Can you think of a performance – whether live or filmed, in person or on a screen – that has brought the same sense of zest and "redemption" to you?

If not a theatre performance, maybe you have had a similar response to a movie, or to a concert. Try writing a poem about that experience, and how it contributed to your feeling of zest.

We'd love to hear what you thought of the piece, or if you've had any meaningful conversations as a result. Or perhaps you'd like to share an expression of your own (visual art or creative writing). You are always welcome to write to us at Shining Light at P.O. Box 267, Annville, PA 17003.

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