Better Together I have a class of students with me that help take care of a flower garden, herb garden & vegetable garden. That would be a lot of work to do by yourself. We all communicate, so that is the main reason we work well together, but we also pick up the slack of someone who needs it. We don't throw it in their face, we just work together as a team. Everyone did their part by assigning everyone a different spot in the gardens. Like I said, if someone needed help, we helped. It was most definitely hard work. However, working together as a team made it easier & more fun. It was nice to see what we accomplished, too. Danielle A. Illinois



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!

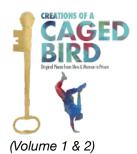
Have you ever witnessed someone "picking up the slack" for a team member when the going got rough? Have you done this yourself?

How does helping others, without complaint, contribute to an effective team – whether in work, gardening, athletics, or something else?

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