

"Forgiveness Is..."

Forgiveness is the fountain of youth,
A tree that bears only good fruits.
Food for the soul, and a guide to the truth,
So don't be stingy with your forgiveness,
but give it in abundance.
To the poor and the rich, the corrupt and the righteous,
to the victim and the suspect, the just and the wicked.
Wrap it with love and give it as a gift.
Who can find peace?
The one who can find the metaphor in a simile,
There's an acorn in the oak tree.
Don't restrain forgiveness or confine it in hate.
But give forgiveness freely and genuinely for givenness sake.
And behold, you may also be forgiven for your transgressions.

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Thank You

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

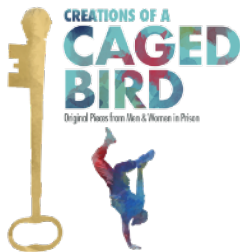
Have you ever had to work to try to forgive someone who people might consider “unforgivable”?

What character strengths are needed to get to a place where we’re capable to offer that kind of loving gift to everyone?

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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