"Forgiveness Is..."

Forgiveness is hard to do, like climbing Mount Everest,
but in doing so, you'll experience a never before state of bliss.

Forgiveness is like finishing the last set of an intense workout,
knowing pain is part of the journey, but all things will work out.

Forgiveness is often overlooked, like the strength of the sheep,
for it is easier to destroy with might than to live humble and meek.

Forgiveness is beautiful, like radiant flowers that never die,
shining light in dark places, removing the stick from one's eyes.

Forgiveness is simply divine love, like God's precious grace,
extending heavenly compassion despite the foul or face.

Marcus J
Ohio

Thank You
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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!
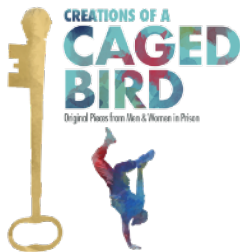
"It is easier to destroy with might than to live humble and meek," Marcus writes. Why do you think this is true? Why does our culture, maybe our whole world, value strength and power so much?

Marcus's poem asks us to value humility and meekness instead. How might you help to change people's minds in the way Marcus describes? How might you teach the value of gentleness, and the unique power of forgiveness, to others?

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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