

## **UNCAGED BIRD**

Close of door to mourned love  
Released. Burden gone, relieved  
Uncaged bird with thankful song.  
A joyous call. Blessed by gift  
Of opportunity and lifted weight  
Transformed. Finally awake,  
Hope reborn. Arising from ashes,  
Remains phoenix of before with  
Room to breathe; wings stretched  
Ready for flight. For freedom.

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