

THE HUMAN HAND.

*I didn't ask to be your pet.
You said you wanted me,
I was taken away from the world I knew,
Though not unwillingly,*

*Id learned to trust the human hand,
With its gentle touch,
So patiently I waited for
The caress I loved so much.*

*I meant no harm that day I screeched,
I just wanted you to see
That some one lived behind those bars,
Thought that you had forgotten me.*

*Then the human hand I loved so much
Came through my tiny door,
But offered me no gentleness,
As it knocked me to the floor.*

*A feeling welled in side of me,
Like I had never known,
I felt frightened.hurt,confused and lost
Within the bars of my new home.*

*But patiently I waited for that hand to treat me right ,but it rarely came to bring me
food,and there were no toys in sight.*

*In boredom and loneliness,in hunger and despair I slowly ripped my feathers out.But
no-one helped, you didn't care.*

*.So I learnt to hate that human hand ,
as it slammed down on my cage,
it held a brand new meaning now,
fear ,pain,and rage.
And then one day a stranger came.
And to my great surprise.*

*Gentle words came from her mouth,
And tears welled in her eyes.*

*But then the terror filled my heart,
For that human who had cried,
Opened up my tiny door.
And put those human hands inside.*

*I screamed in panic fear and dread,
As I waited for the pain,
That the human hand would give me,
As it slammed me once again,*

*But gently I was lifted,
From my prison, cold and bare,
But still I bit at those human hands,
In my terror and despair.*

*The new prison I was taken to,
Was somewhat different to my home,
Fresh food was all around me,
And toy friends to call my own.*

*And the human hands that touched me.
Brought on me no more pain,
And slowly as the weeks went by,
My ravaged feathers grew again,*

*And as the weeks passed into months,
I began to understand.
That once again I could begin.
To trust the human hand,*

*I,m old now,really very old.
But my memories are clear.*

*Of the gentle hand that soothed the pain,
From the hand I,d learned to fear.*

*I,m tired now,
Really very tired,
Many years my life has spanned,
So I close my eyes for one last time.
Safe from harm in the human hand.*