

Mistakes and Consequences

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Never took great care of the self,
mental health all went to Hell.
Anger burned like flames
and sizzled like acid,
thus began the justice game.

Confrontation and conflict
led to familial tragedy.
An assault on the loved one,
a move of pure stupidity.

First time arrested, sent to jail;
soon to be sent to prison.
From provincial ones to the Pen,
link to the past was done.

First night was filled with tears
of regrets, and remorse and fear.
Shook so much, could not sleep;
stayed with the prayers that I kept.

And all that could be remembered
or reminded was through
memories and outdated books.
A struggle to not become
like these criminal fools.

Fights, shouts, and riots
happened all the time;
Lockdowns, door slams,
either day or nighttime.

Boredom/entertainment.
Hunger/food for cattle.
Thirst/pop is fun.
Headaches/Tylenol purchasable.

They smoked, I didn't.
Burned stuff, sleep undone.
Constipation, frustrated.
Freedom, very much wanted.

But as there was bad
there also was good.
Some loved ones were not mad,
talks with friends would
lighten my mood.

Was so surprised to see
manga in prison – a solace.
Small amount of levity
shone like the Sun – smiling face.

The library frequented,
classes attended.
Went to work to earn money,
canteen stuff to buy
with not much grief.

Belongings from outside,
sent to me to ease my mind.
More books and some music,
providing light, providing bliss.

There were definitely difficulties,
there was certainly hardship.
But music brought possibilities
for lyrics and stories to keep.

And the waiting game was over,
parole granted for good behaviour.
Yet the weight's still on my shoulders,
a challenge to carry on in this world.

People reach out for their dreams,
I just reach out for my redemption.
My life is my own blockbuster film.
Slowly approaching new rendition!

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