



I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings

A **free bird** leaps
on the back of the wind
and floats downstream
till the current ends
and **dips his wing**
in the orange sun rays
and dares to claim the sky.

symbolism

metaphor

But a bird that stalks
down his narrow cage
can seldom see through his **bars of rage**
his wings are clipped and his feet are tied
so he opens his throat to sing

metaphor

The **caged bird** sings
with a fearful **trill**
of things unknown
but longed for **still**
and his tune is heard
on the distant **hill**
for the **caged bird**
sings of freedom.

symbol

rhyme

repetition

The free bird thinks of another breeze
and the trade winds soft through the **sighing trees**
and the fat worms waiting on a dawn bright lawn
and he names the sky his own

personification

metaphor

But a caged bird stands on the **grave of dreams**
his **shadow shouts** on a nightmare scream
his wings are clipped and his feet are tied
so he opens his throat to sing.

personification

alliteration

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repetition

rhyme