

## The Obligatory Caged Birds.

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every nursing home has one,

"Its to brighten your day! they say".

Walkways to nowhere ,shuffling folk

bumbling,mumbling in a world of their own

Institutionalized food smells waft

urine mixed with antiseptic, permeates the air,

odd socks,baggy fleece trackies,floral slippers,

memory slipping fast

Cheap lattice in the garden, inside Locks, and that electronic click clack of  
passwords entered, doors released.

visitors come,they don't stay long, why should they?.A grim reminder  
of things to come?.

A world of some beauty,lays in the past,augmented with a few chosen  
nicknacks,

but by whom?

they lay around in the few square feet of their now worldly space.

Conversations repeated over and over, every minute,every hour, every day.

to no avail, "they are just frail".

Why do they stay? Ah yes I remember,

They are our, obligatory Caged Humans .