I saw the light the other day, in my world of darkness. It burned like a super nova, warming my cold heart.

Children brought gifts to the altar, all wonder and excitement. They brought joy to my heart, softening the stone of years.

I saw the kind world the other day, in my world of pain. It glowed like a summer fire fly, just as temporary by choice.

Families smiled and held hands, full of love and desire. They brought hope to my mind, dispelling hardness and fear.

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NO HOME

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In prison they speak of "going home", but I have no home.
No house or apartment,
no lease, mortgage or rent.
Where will I go?

20 years in a cage looms large,
even larger fielding the unknown.
No bed or floor pallet,
no kitchen, den or cellar,
Where will I go?

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