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Hello,

This poem of mine was published in Issue #10, Summer 2019, of Words of Fire, a small print & e-zine published by the Prison Books Collective, viewable on PrisonBooks.online. As us poets are wont to do, I've revised it....

Liberation Through Literature
by Nate A. Lindell,
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Sentenced to a cage
For a fatal, youthful mistake,
Knowing that, as I age,
My painful regrets won't change
What I would if I could....

Despite my life sentence,
I seek to understand
The world that I live in
And who I really am,
So I can be a better human
--- Though the massive, dull, dark
wave
Of the heartless state
Does its best to drown me.
My soul struggles just to breathe
And --- feeling so lonely ---
Sometimes wishes I'd cease.

Maybe masochistically,
Or stupidly,
I've chosen to be.
Kept away from those that're kind,
It's been within books that my mind
Has felt rays of light
prison That fate's denied
Given me a bite
Of a sweeter life.

Books fuel my dreams, so
I shouldn't lament, I suppose...

--- Some lack even those!

But books don't always ease the
 pain
Of wondering how my life might've
 been
 "if only I'd known...."
Sometimes they must close....

But this pain, this ache
 Isn't all bad.
 It pushes my pen,
 Inspiring prose
 And poems (like this!)
 And those
 In books of my own.

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