

WORKSHEET
CLASS X
ENGLISH II
TOPIC – I KNOW WHY THE CAGED BIRD SINGS

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1. 'A free bird leaps on the back

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So he opens his throat to sing'

- a. What does the caged bird's singing reveal about him?
- b. Which words are used to describe the state of the free bird?

- c. What does the word 'clipped' mean in the poem?
- d. Why does the caged bird sing?
- e. Explain the line – 'that stalks down his narrow cage

Can seldom see through his bars of rage'

2. 'The free bird thinks of another breeze

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So he opens his throat to sing'

- a. According to the poet, how can the free bird be best described?
- b. What is meant by 'free bird thinks of another breeze'?
- c. What is the main conflict in the poem?
- d. What does the line – 'And his shadow shouts on a nightmare scream' mean?
- e. Who and what does the free bird symbolize?