**Sympathy by Nola (Year 6)**

I know what the caged tiger feels, alas!  
When the refreshing breeze drifts through the serene jungle,   
When the sprining, opaque plants take over the tropical grass,  
And the waterfall shines as transparent as glass;  
When the ravenous animals’ stomachs start to rumble and they all crave their favourite meals-   
I know what the caged tiger feels!

I know why the caged tiger beats his paws,   
Till the damaged chains are red and the suffocating cage is tipped,   
For he must get back to his mountain and stand proudly above all,  
As he feels frustration build up in his heart; he must stay strong and stand tall,  
And the times where he gets too vicious and snaps his jaws,   
I know why he beats his paws!

I know why the caged tiger growls, ah me,   
When his jaws are aching and his paws are bloody and sore,  
When everyday he dreams to be under the trees,   
He knows that a nightmare is all his life can be,   
For he wishes he can go back to what life was life before,  
But he begs to go back to the jungle and prowl,   
I know why the caged tiger growls!

**Sympathy by Leelyn (Year 6)**

I know what the caged snake feels, alas!  
When the shimmering shinning sun catches the slithering serpent’s eye,  
When the tall reeds dance in the soft gentle breeze,  
And the fragrance from the pleasing flowers flees,  
When the resplendent birds sing like angels they also fly,   
And the striking forest is so majestic it almost reals -   
I know how the caged snake feels.

I know why the caged snake beats his tail!  
In the isolated cage he may stay a detainee,   
Where he bruises his tail, he writhes in pain,  
And what lay on his neck is a long heavy chain,   
He hisses for freedom with a sorrowful plea,  
From his tormented mouth blood drips then you shall hear his wail,   
I know why the caged snake beats his tail.

I know why the caged snake hisses, ah me!  
As he tries to bite, he loses his venom,   
There is bloody bruises on every single scale,  
As his body starts to slowly fail,  
As he cries out to reach to heaven,  
Death inevitable, he thinks of the home he misses,  
I know why the caged snake hisses.