

## *Clarion Reminder*

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The powerful provoke the powerless  
to push against one another.  
Their power grows by keeping us  
in all kinds of prisons.

Yet we are not powerless.

Remember the black bear  
roaming Clarion County, Pennsylvania,  
its head trapped a month or more  
in a metal-ringed pail.

Remember those who chased it for hours,  
grabbed it in a perilous embrace,  
carefully sawed loose those tight bonds.

Imagine what they felt as the bear  
ran free into the woods.

Imagine too, the bear.