

# Spot Illustration

This is an illustration used primarily to accompany text, but not as large as a feature illustration.

The objective was to execute an illustration that's referencing its accompanying text. The text is from the poem "Caged Bird", by Maya Angelou. As the bird in the poem is imprisoned the spot mimics this with the text of the poem surrounding the illustration.

Maya Angelou (1928-2014) - "Caged Bird"

A free bird leaps  
on the back of the wind  
and floats downstream  
till the current ends  
and dips his wing  
in the orange sun rays  
and dares to claim the sky.

But a bird that stalks  
down his narrow cage  
can seldom see through  
his bars of rage  
his wings are clipped and  
his feet are tied

so he opens his  
The caged  
with a  
of things  
but longed  
and his tune

on the  
for the  
distant hill  
caged bird  
sings of freedom.

The free bird thinks of another breeze  
and the trade winds soft through the sighing trees  
and the fat worms waiting on a dawn-bright lawn  
and he names the sky his own

But a caged bird stands on the grave of dreams  
his shadow shouts on a nightmare scream  
his wings are clipped and his feet are tied  
so he opens his throat to sing.

The caged bird sings  
with a fearful trill  
of things unknown  
but longed for still  
and his tune is heard  
on the distant hill  
for the caged bird  
sings of freedom.



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