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AT THE TEMPLE **Max Feaman**

An old sister
Knocks at the temple
Her mind is vast
Her heart is simple
So is her prayer
“Dear Lord, make the people care.”

HE SHOULD BE OUT **Phyllis Roker**

He should be out singing his song.
Not sitting there contemplating all day long
He should be out sharing his gift
Instead he is locked inside awaiting each shift
He should be out, enjoying the world
Sitting by the lake, kissing his girl
Watching each wave ripple on by
Stretching his neck upward at the open sky
He should be out making each day count
But at the pinnacle of his life, he sits in mount

Never had he realized with that stroke of a pen
The overwhelming mess he's guilty of putting
himself in
Hands tied, doors closed, naming him the one
No matter his plea, still denied the sun
A vicious crime it was not
One friendly gesture put him on the spot
He should be out singing his song
In the meantime, he awaits in good spirits
For deliverance.