Recognizing the Process of Changing – Free Verse

Yes.

I have messed up.

Although wanting to leave,

the time is almost up,

But.

I am still here.

Stuck in this prison for a drunken night that went too far,

Yes, it is my fault

I have recognized that.

But does that mean I can’t grow and change as a person?

Does that mean no one will trust me with a beer bottle?

Does that mean ‘we need to distance ourselves from him’

‘we need to keep her away from him’

‘we can be seen with someone like that, it will affect our reputation’

But.

I have tried and tried to keep the peace between these other inmates,

I have done all that has been asked of me,

Even when they demand in harsh tones,

And I have stayed in touch with my daughter who is now 3

Why can’t people see that

I.

Am.

Trying.

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Three months passed since I wrote that caption in my notebook

and now,

I’m out.

On good behaviour terms,

I am back with my daughter and

I have changed-

For the better.

Never will I hurt her or-

Drive impaired.