

# **I Left You Today**

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I am obviously no poet .. but with so many birds losing their lives lately, I felt the need to express my feelings somehow. It could have been much longer, there have been so many sad, hurtful stories as of late.

This is dedicated to all the sweet souls at the Bridge whose owners didn't care enough. In some ways, I believe they are all better off at the Bridge rather than living with careless, unthinking and cruel humans where their fates were worse than death.

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## **I left you today**

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You took me outside today.  
No harness, no cage, no protection.  
The dog barked, I got scared, up I went.  
My clipped wings taking me high and away.  
You knew the risk and gambled with my life.

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That Teflon pan you swore was fine.  
You'd always be on guard and watch the heat.  
The phone rang and you forgot.  
Hotter and hotter it got, the fumes deadly.  
You knew the risk and gambled with my life.

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You thought it was cute, kitty, puppy & me.  
They are so much bigger, and I am just prey.  
You turned your back, and that was their chance.  
I tried so hard to fight, and not be their toy.  
You knew the risk, and gambled with my life.

**I left you today.**

You said I'd be fine, it wasn't that cold.  
Out here in the garage, all on my own.  
I got so cold I couldn't eat.  
Weak, alone, unnoticed amongst many.  
You knew the risk, and gambled with my life.

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They begged and pleaded for me.  
Promising to care, promising to feed.  
Now they tease and torture me.  
Once their dream, I am starved, battered and abused.  
You knew the risk, and gambled with my life.

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