

## *Lessons From My Cat*

*His big blue feline eyes gazed up at the fence toward the endless sky,  
Millions of years of instinct returned as he confidently climbed on high.*

*Green grass, bushes to hide in, what a world for him to see  
With nary a thought, he slides down the fence longing to be free.*

*Like a child without a care, he explores every seam  
Digging holes & stalking birds he is living every cats dream.*

*I enjoy seeing his catlike ways of exploring and running around,  
But his free roaming is a sure way to spend the night in the pound.*

*Like a responsible parent for his child's own good, I must decide  
And in the end, in the patio is where he must reside.*

*Some Boards here, a piece of screen there, I fix everyplace he can fit  
He dutifully tests the strength of each barrier, matching me wit for wit.*

*After much engineering, I'm successful at keeping him repressed  
Now he just lays on the hard patio, head down, very much depressed.*

*Those big blue eyes have turned an unfamiliar grey & are unknown,  
Looking deep into them, I see a soul not that unlike my own.*

*Turns out my furry feline friend is just an extension of me,  
A little bullheaded & he just enjoys being outside and free.*

*Applying wisdom with a little training and watchful eye,  
He's now allowed to explore and view the world from on high.*

*After all this effort, it seems I've been taught a lesson too  
Animals have similar hopes & feelings as you do.*