

## **Freedom: Trina Ehsan**

A family enjoyed having a talkative parrot in a cage who imitated everyone's chats.

One day the father of the family decided to go overseas so he asked all the members of the family, 'what do you want me to bring you from the country I am travelling to?' And he added, 'the country that I am going to has lots of parrots living there.' Every member of the family had their own suggestions. Children asked for toys; the mother of the family asked for a nice dress; one of his daughters asked for a book and a friend for their parrot to be with him in the cage and play with him. She said, 'I feel sorry for my beautiful parrot. He is very clever, he makes us happy by imitating our chats, he's always inside of this cage, he has wings to fly but he never flies even for a few minutes a day.' And the parrot said, 'I don't want any toys or cloths or books. Likewise, I don't want a friend, but I have a very simple request which is easy for you and important for me. I love my mother dearly and I have missed her immensely. I am sure that my mother will be at the place you are travelling to. Please pass my love and regards to my mother, and please bring her response back to me.'

The father accepted everyone's request and he promised the parrot that he would convey his request to his mother and began his journey. On the way back home, he went to a garden where lots of birds and parrots lived. He looked at how happy they were flying everywhere and singing songs. He approached the tree where a parrot was sitting alone. He thought, perhaps she is the mother of my parrot, and he said, 'your baby lives with us in a beautiful cage, we love him, we give him lots of food, but he misses you immensely.' Suddenly the parrot fell from the tree, and the gardener threw her away.

When the father arrived home, he told the exact story to his parrot. After listening to the story, the baby parrot fell down in his cage. He was taken out of the cage and thrown into the garden.

A minute later a parrot flew out and said, 'thanks mother for your message, I am free, I can fly everywhere.'