

## WHO WOULD HAVE KNOWN

AGE 17

WHO WOULD HAVE KNOWN,

ALL HIS CALLS HOME

WOULD BE DIALED FROM A PRISON PHONE.

HIS HEAD BOWED

PHONE HELD TIGHTLY AGAINST HIS EAR,

FINGERTIPS CATCHING TEARS

AS HIS MOTHER SWEARS THAT SHE'LL BE HERE...

OR THERE,

SHE'LL ALWAYS BE THERE TO GIVE HIM HOPE,

THROUGH BIRTHDAYS, VISITS, AND RANDOM LETTERS

SHE LOVES AND ENCOURAGES HIM IN HER NOTES.

AGE 25

HE'S STILL TRYING TO FIGURE OUT THIS PRISON LIFE,

BUT IT'S HARD TO MENTALLY FOCUS

WHEN IT'S FILLED WITH MISERY AND STRIFE.

HE TRIES TO KEEP IT LIGHT

TRIES TO KEEP IT SIMPLE DAY BY DAY,

ALWAYS LOOKING FOR THE SUNSHINE

AND A MEANS TO CHASE THE RAINS AWAY.

BUT THE STRUGGLE WITH SHAME STILL STAYS

AS SEEMS TO BE THE STORY OF HIS LIFE,

PRISON NOW THE PUNISHMENT

FROM THE STANDPOINT WIRINGS OUTWEIGH HIS RIGHTS.