Thomas F. Wheelock Words Uncaged (Poem)

My Father

My father is the calm in a storm filled life Navigating the treacherous angry seas of a teen, so full of self-loathing and hate. He is always there with a smile full of love and with a phrase,

"I love you and I will always be here"

My father is the calm in a storm filled life No matter how much I embarrassed or hurt him Full of forgiveness and willingness to help. He is always there with a smile full of love and with a phrase,

"I love you and I will always be here"

My father is the calm in a storm filled life I stolen from him, and failed him oh so many times. Ran away and lied. He is always there with a smile full of love and with a phrase,

"I love you and I will always be here"

My father is the calm in a storm filled life
I'm stupid and I am a failure at school.
I always get F's, I will never have worth.

{He will never see me graduate college and receive a Bachelor degree,}
He is always there with a smile full of love
and with a phrase,

"I love you and I will always be here"

My father is the calm in a storm filled life I got a girl pregnant and I'm only eighteen. A high school dropout that can't keep a job, Full of loathing and hate. He is always there with a smile full of love and with a phrase, "I love you and I will always be here"

My father is the calm in a storm filled life In prison with life without

No future and no hope Alone and afraid.

{He will never know that he is why I survived} He is always there with a smile full of love and with a phrase,

"I love you and I will always be here"

My father is the calm in a storm filled life Eyes are open and starting to change, Who I am and who I want to be. With self-help and an opening of old wounds. He is always there with a smile full of love and with a phrase,

"I love you and I will always be here"

My father is the calm in a storm filled life Sees a change in his youngest son College attending and changed Full of love and respect, In prison yet free He is always there with a smile full of love and with a phrase,

"I love you and I will always be here"

My father is the calm in a storm filled life Comes to visit once last time.

Body racked with cancer, no more time. I will never see his beautiful smile Or hear his infectious laugh I am sad and angry And yet he says, He is always there with a smile full of love and with a phrase, "I love you and I will always be here"