

## **Freedom Is Not Free**

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They say I'm short and homeward bound.  
Then why is there no happiness found?  
One year here will soon be ore.  
And I'll walk to that Freedom Bird door.  
But I can't relax, no letting down.. why?  
Because to let down may mean to die.  
It's like a dream, can it really be.  
Everyone cheers as we fly by..

But thinking of Friends below just makes me sigh.  
God be with you, I know your fears.  
I didn't know it then, but the next time I'd see  
some Of you would be twenty years.

The plane gets me home and I kiss the ground.  
The family I left is the same one I found.  
We embrace and hug and cannot separate.  
The difference in life and death is only fate.

When I was there I dreamed of home.  
Now I am here but how my mind does roam.

When I was young I was taught at school.  
That freedom wasn't free and about the Golden Rule.

I know them both but one came hard:  
To learn it I had to leave my own back yard.

...God's peace to all this Sept 11th....