## Prison

Mommy and daddy had a lock and key. so she went over the wall a nd she was finally free. she wants to know "why did the tv tell those lies? it lied to me?". I said "I know, I know, I know. y ou've earned your right to breathe. don't give it up. that's wh y you have to leave. you know your number is up." emptied her p ockets on an ugly road. why did nothing grow when the seeds wer e sown? and why did the water turn the soil into mud? big plans , fat chance, small winds. they took it all away and won't give it back. "now you have to stay." I-told-you-sos-attack. was it fate or dumb mistakes that made things like they are? and did she have a choice. ragged shoes on wet cement, she talking to t he king. only the peasant hears her voice. its just noise. and when she hides her eyes she's sure that no one sees her standin g by the garbage cans finally alone. and when she shuts her mou th she's sure that no one hears her screaming at all of those w ho say she can't go back to prison. can't see his face, only ye llow teeth. chewing on his tongue splitting easy money. oh what an ugly man, he thinks he's beautiful. what's next, who knows, who cares? is it an even trade, her time, his cash? decisions being made while treasures turn to trash. and what is the value of a fine young mind when you just can't see what you left beh ind? and why did her parents lie. they lied and lied and lied a nd lied! they said "you'll see what's right, you'll see." but y ou can only see what's wrong from below what's right. will she be there for long? not without a fight. and when she hides her eyes she's in prison.