

he may expose the archaic and brutal nature of the penal system.

We feel there is a need for public action on this matter for the following additional reasons:

—O'Meally still maintains his legal innocence of the charger of murder.

—The one man who could order the release of O'Meally, Sir Henry Winnecke, (the Governor of Victoria who acts on the advice of Cabinet Ministers) is the same man who acted as Crown Prosecutor against O'Meally.

—O'Meally would be capable of adjusting into society. He has become a good hairdresser, a lathe-operator, a wood-turner, a poet and playwright. His efforts to be released have been supported by the State Opposition Leader, by the Pentridge Prison Chaplain, by his son, John, and many others.

In our opinion the issue of Bill O'Meally raises for consideration the whole question of crime and punishment in society. It raises for consideration the question "Who are the real criminals?" and "Justice — who does it serve?"

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Ed's Note: The Vic P.A.G. has badges inscribed "Free O'Meally" for sale at 10c each and can be obtained by writing to Box 114, East Brunswick, Vic 3057. Also any Victorian subscribers might like to contact the Group direct: Phone is 479-2977, Barry York, Monday-Friday, 9.30-4.30.

ANXIETY

by Bob Temple

*I see my freedom drawing near.
Or might it not? My dreaded fear.
I think of now, I relive the past.
I hope this life it will not last.*

*I lie awake this silent night,
I see the world a ray of light
Shining through my window small —
Three steel bars shadowed on the wall.*