

The Injured Bird

Kiya saw two hands reaching for him. He beat his wings wildly,	12
trying to rise above the water. The boat was at a standstill now, and	26
Kiya was able to escape, dragging the wire behind him in the water.	39
Where could he go but back to his island? There were too many	52
people on the beach who were always trying to catch him.	63
In all his life no one had ever tried to catch him before. Why	77
were people so cruel now when he was suffering?	86
Kiya made a difficult landing on the roof of a deserted shed	98
where he and the gulls liked to rest. At first the other gulls let Kiya	113
have his favorite place. But when they saw his leg caught in the tangled	127
wire and covered with blood, they looked at him with unfriendly eyes.	139
He was not one of them anymore.	146