Before they drove Tod's car into the pond, the family checked the trunk and found several pairs of silver candlestick holders and jewelry. They decided the jewelry would be sold to buy feed. The candlestick holders would be traded at a flea market for VCR movies and blank cassettes, all except one set that Jean wanted to keep. The blank cassettes were for the camcorder they had hidden in the wall of the dining room. They liked to record their visitors for future viewing. Out here in the country they only got one T.V. station and it played mostly old series reruns.

There had been seven other New Yorkers over the years before Barbara saw her first one sacrificed for his sins against God; she was just three years old. On the night after this birthday party the family watched the tape on the VCR. It was very exciting for Barbara to see herself on T.V.; it always was. She couldn't tell anyone what her wish was because then it wouldn't come true but what she wanted more than anything was to move to Hollywood when she turned eighteen and get a part in a real movie.

Arousing the Lion
by Mary Ann Guy

A beast ready,
Ready for freedom.
His mouth watering
For the flesh of my being.

A lion pacing,
Pacing in a cage,
Preparing to pounce
Upon me, his next victim.

He is released,
Released swiftly.
His body thrusting
Forward with great eagerness.

His power holds me,
Holds me to the ground.
Roaring his conquest,
His hunger is appeased.