

HELLO FROM ALL OF US IN THE ZOO by Annie Losty Byrne

'Hello there, humans, we're just wondering
How do you like being locked up in a small space?
Or even a bigger space?
Big or small it's still a space
Out of which you cannot escape
Unless you are naughty
In which case you will be chased
Cornered and locked up again
Of course, for your own good.
You are now an endangered species
Just like us in the Zoo.
How does it feel?
I think I feel bad vibrations coming
Across the Phoenix Park
From all sides.'

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